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Editorial

THE Song of Christmas is fading from our minds — the season of festivity, of relaxing from the pressure of the work-a-day world to give expression to our gratitude to God for His gift of love, is giving way to the time of facing a New Year. It is a time of budgeting; of looking at the year and estimating what it may mean to us — in dollars and cents; in achievement of a set purpose in life. In many ways it is a time of discipline — of tearing away the tinsel from our minds and facing life squarely and with firm resultion.

Our January issue reflects this thought to some extent. Mrs. Pye presents herein, the estimates of our financial needs for 1954. Many of us are not fond of figures. They look dull and uninteresting as they face us boldly in black and white. To some of us they may have a slightly sinister significance. We may question the use of money collected for the purpose of spreading the Gospel. And that is our privilege and our duty — but not until we see the whole picture of what is being attempted. If, in the estimate, we see a picture of brave men and women giving themselves in the service of their Lord and Master — working with the minimum of material equipment — but with maximum faith — then we see a part of the picture. But that is not all. Beyond the scene is the vision of a world which knows Christian peace and love. It is a world we all desire for ourselves and for our children. It is in this scene that we see ourselves. When we see it we can surely became critical and reason with ourselves and with each other if the estimates are achieving the goal we desire them to achieve.

In the days of old, when God sent His Son to us, there were faithful men and women waiting for that time. They were people who believed the promise of God that a Messiah would surely come to save the world. When the Angels appeared to the Shepherds on the hills announcing the birth of Christ . . . when the Star appeared to the Wise Men in far-off lands — they did not question the vision they saw. The shepherds hurried from their sheep — the wise men from their books — to worship and to present their gifts.

The vision that men had two thousand years ago can be just as vivid today. The heavenly music can be just as sweet. Peace on earth — good will to men — is still our desire and our prayer. But like the Shepherds and Wise Men of old, we must take time to go to Bethlehem; not just at Christmas, but continually. Perhaps one of the greatest needs in the world today is to take time from the rush and pressure of this world to "go to Bethlehem" to read and meditate and pray. There the cares of our daily life are dispersed by the knowledge of God's love. There we renew our strength of body and mind.

The New Year is before us with all its responsibilities. Thanks be to God that we may live it day by day under His guidance and strengthened by His love.

Prayer

O God, our Heavenly Father, we come to thee this day to thank thee for all the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us this past year. As we come to this, the beginning of another year, we pray for guidance, strength and courage to undertake the work Thou hast directed us to make our particular responsibility. Open our eyes to our own possibilities and inspire us to use our talents.

We confess before thee our manifold sins and unworthiness, asking the fulfillment of thy promise, that thou wilt forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, if we come to thee with contrite hearts. Lord, not only do we ask for a blessing, but also, we pray that we may be a blessing to those with whom we come in contact. Grant us an in-filling of thy Holy Spirit so that we might show forth thy love toward our neighbour.

O God, we pray for all missionaries, especially those who belong to our own Women's Missionary Society, that they may be preserved outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, as they seek to do thy will in the special place of thy choosing for them.

O Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayer and send forth labourers into the harvest. Fit and prepare them, by thy grace, for the work to which thou hast called them. Give them the spirit of power and of love; strengthen them to endure hardness, and grant that by their lives they may set forth thy glory.

Let thy blessing, O Lord, be upon our church in all its endeavours. Grant to her people grace to live in the fear and love of thy Holy Name with perfect unity with each other in thyself, who art the head.

Give us, O Lord, the grace to search after the things that please Thee, to find them and to do them for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Obligations - Opportunities

Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) presents the Estimates for 1954.

"BRING ye all the tithes into the storehouse"— that the commitment of our Society for 1954 may be met. Council accepted an objective of $257,000 at its meeting in London in May 1953, so it is now our responsibility as members of the Women's Missionary Society to do our best to fulfill this trust.

Estimates express the needs of our work, a job to be done and the amount of money required to do it. Has anyone who loves her Saviour and trusts in His divine power the right to say "we can't do it" when we are promised "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me — and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The Power is ever with us, and if we truly seek it, all things are possible.

Our total Estimate for 1954 is an increase of $20,000 over 1953 for several reasons: greater financial assistance to our Indian Residential Schools; furlough travel and cost-of-living in Canada for seven missionaries against five last year; provision for new regional secretaries; additional clerical help in

Publications Department; cost of printing new report forms for use throughout the Society, and an adjustment in salaries to bring the remuneration of our workers more in line with that paid by other organizations engaged in similar work.

It has been necessary to make a few adjustments in these Estimates since presentation to Council because of changes in personnel and additional information received, but all changes have been effected within the departments concerned and within the total Estimate.

In our National Missions we regret the retirement of Mrs. Gillespie, hospital visitor in Toronto, the resignation of Mrs. Weir in London, and Miss Marjory Mackay, deaconess in the Peace River, who has returned to the teaching profession. For the present, it has been decided not to make an appointment of another hospital visitor in Toronto as there are now three lady visitors serving under the Board of Missions where a short time ago there was only Mrs. Gillespie.

Referring to our work among Canadian Indians, the present per capita grant for the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School is not sufficient to cover salaries and administration, so we have estimated an increase of $5,000 as the amount required to carry on This is an important part of our National work, and if we want it to be worthwhile we must be prepared to give it greater support.

Two new names appear under "Deaconesses"; Misses Lillian Reay and Florence Goertzen serving in our Western Provinces. These girls joined our staff after their graduation in 1953 from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

Our Overseas Work shows a decrease in the Jhansi Field because of leave of absence for study granted to Miss Reaveley, our Missionary Evangelist. An increase however, appears in our Co-operative work in India through grants to Ludhiana Medical College, Landour Hospital, and Allahabad Agricultural College, all of which are of service to our Mission Field.

The Taiwan Mission Council has asked for an increased allowance for the General Conduct of our work there, and this has been included in our estimates. We have also been able to increase our support to the work among the Koreans in Japan and to Latin America.

As mentioned previously, Missionary Expenses covering furlough travel to and from fields, and cost-of-living in Canada, shows an increase for 1954 of approximately $4,000.

Under "New Appointees" we are happy to include the names of Misses Agnes Gollan and Joan Rochemont. After completing special studies in England, they will proceed to their fields of service in the Fall.

As we think of our Organization Department, we are reminded of our motto, "to unite the women and children of our church in prayer and service —." The organization department is endeavoring to strengthen our Society on the home front, for if we are not strong here, there will not be the interest and necessary funds to carry on effectively our Christian commitments.

With the resignation of Miss Moodie, Associate Children's Secretary, who has returned to the teaching profession, no further appointment is contemplated for the present, but it is proposed to secure an additional Regional Secretary. We are, therefore, estimating for three new Regional Secretaries for 1954 in answer to the urgent requests of Synodicals for such a secretary in each Synodical.

The position of Youth Secretary recently held by Miss Irvine who has left our staff to serve the church in Montreal is being left vacant for the time being, and provision made for a Secretary for Adult Work, not to be appointed until after Council in May 1954.

This year we are including in this Department the Deputation Expenses and Cost of Field Letters previously charged to "Administration." The distribution of the magazine for Children's Leaders at a cost of $400 was formerly shown under "Publications." This means that the Organization Department in 1954 is carrying an amount of approximately $4,500 which in previous years would have been charged elsewhere.

The Estimate for Christian Literature is increased by $500 and our Legacy Fund will provide $5,000 this year. Our grant to the Inter Mission Aid Fund (Orphaned Missions) is reduced this year to $200. This is our share of the balance to be paid in 1954 by the Canadian Boards contributing to this Fund.

In our Publications, it has been necessary to engage an additional stenographer to help in both the Editorial and Literature departments. The sale of books and pamphlets through this department to our members has increased in five years from $4,000 to $8,000 so it was imperative that assistance be secured. In 1954 new report forms for use throughout the different branches of our Society are required, the estimated cost being $1,500 which together with the printing and mailing of the Annual Report amounts to $3,800.

Under Administration you will note the portion of office rent previously estimated under "Publications" is now included in this department, so that our total rent is shown under "Administration". General Expenses which include such items as postage, telegrams, electric light, telephone, stationery, typewriters, clergy books for workers etc., are showing no signs of decrease, so we have been unable to estimate for a reduction here.

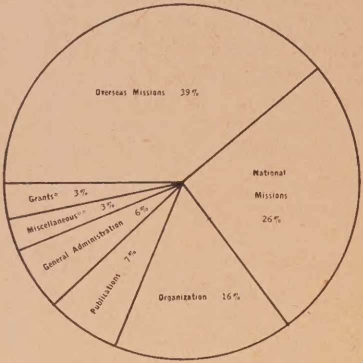
Our General Contingency however, has been reduced by $800.

You will see from this brief break-down of our Estimates why an increase has been necessary — greater participation in Indian work in Canada, new regional secretaries and rising costs connected with the general conduct of our work at home and overseas. Like all organizations today, we have been caught in this era of rising costs. To maintain what we now have demands more of us. To expand beyond this is possible only through contributions in excess of our objective. As members of the Women's Missionary Society we should remember that our first responsibility is toward the work we have accepted as our share of the missionary commitment of our Church.

With an Estimate of $237,000 in 1953, the average required per *adult* member was $8.15 for the year. Our 1954 Estimate of $257,000 based on the same *adult* Membership amounts to $8.85 per member or 74c per month or 17c per week. 17c per week! From our abundance, is this all we have to offer to Him who gave His all that we might live?

The distribution of expenditure of the 1954 budget is shown in the "pie" chart below. This distribution is fairly typical of distribution for other years as well.

DISTRIBUTION
OF
EXPENDITURE



X Grants, including:
- Presbyterian Visual Education Committee
- Christian Literature

Special Projects

XX Miscellaneous, including
- Insurance and taxes
- Students and Candidates
- Council Meeting
- General Contingency

W. M. S. Estimates For 1954

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Executive Secretary — Miss Frieda E. Matthews

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec: Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie.
Toronto, Ontario: Superintendent and Chinese Assistant.
Vancouver, B.C.: Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Yeung and Annie Wilson.
Victoria, B.C.: Misses Gertrude Scott and Grace Lee.
Salaries, Expenses and Rent .... $ 16,410.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba: Salaries and administration paid from per Capita Grant.
Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario: Salaries and administration cost. .... $ 7,300.00

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Miss Ellen Douglas, Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, and Hospital Visitor for London.
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 9,750.00

DEACONESSES

Misses Margaret Allan, Margaret Near, Winnifred Ripley, Lillian Reay, Florence Goertzen, Fay McTavish.
Salaries and Expenses .... $ 12,600.00
Miss Helen Ross, Cecilia Jeffrey School
(Salary paid from Government Grant)

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK

Children's Centre, Vancouver, B.C. and
Tyndale House, Montreal, Quebec.
Misses Margaret Boyd, Athalie Read and Catherine Watson.
Salaries, Maintenance and House Help .... $ 6,500.00

IMMIGRATION

Miss Hilda Blackwell, Summer Assistant, and holiday office supply,
Salary and Expenses .... $ 3,225.00
Printing of letters of welcome 100.00

$ 3,325.00

MISSIONARY VANS

Three Staff Deaconesses to be in charge
Four Assistants for summer, Salaries .... $ 1,800.00
Maintenance of three Missionary Vans 1,190.00

$ 2,990.00

Student Deaconess Summer appointee, Salary and Expenses.......... 650.00
Transportation for Summer Appointees .... $ 400.00

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Chinese Work	$ 16,410.00
Indian Work	7,300.00
Hospital Visitors	9,750.00
Deaconesses	12,600.00
Children's and Youth Work	6,500.00
Immigration	3,325.00

Missionary Vans	2,990.00
Student Deaconess	650.00
Transportation of Summer Appointees	400.00
National Executive Secretary, and Miss Vera Carson, Stenographic Secretary, Salaries and Expenses	6,100.00
National Work Contingency	1,050.00
	$ 67,075.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and Equipment, including Camps, Medicine Hat Training School, Children's Centre, Vancouver and Vans	$ 1,200.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Executive Secretary — Miss Laura K. Pelton

INDIA

Jhansi Field

Salaries:			
Misses Edith Magee, B.A. and Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E.			$ 3,452.00
General Conduct of Work:			
Evangelistic		$ 700.00	
Educational		4,800.00	
Medical		800.00	
Orphans and Widows		1,000.00	
Maintenance Manager	$ 300.00		
General Maintenance	1,200.00		
Miscellaneous	185.00		
	$ 1,685.00		
(To be taken from balance on Field			
		$ 7,300.00	
			$ 10,752.00

Bhil Field

Salaries:		
Misses Lily Simpson, Reg.N.; Irene Stringer; Marion Williamson; Isabel McConnel, Reg.N.; Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.; Beatrice Scott, B.A.; Margaret Kennedy; Agnes Hislop; Pauline Brown, Reg.N.; Ida White, Reg.N.		$ 17,534.00
General Conduct of Work:		
Evangelistic (Including Training Bible Women) ($1,500.00 $500.00 from Legacy)	$ 1,000.00	
Medical — Mobile Units (2)	3,000.00	
Nursing Education (Burn's Legacy $300.00) Nurses' Home	100.00	
Medical— Maternity Ward (Gift $125.)		
Education		
Schools and Girls' Hostel	$ 6,520.00	
Teachers' Training	570.00	
High Schools, Education of girls	340.00	
Scholarships	200.00	
M.G. Abey Memorial Home	1,750.00	

Language (Miss White)	400.00		
General Maintenance, taxes, labour, repairs, upkeep of car	1,650.00		
Miscellaneous, mission business, stationery, postage, etc.	200.00		
		$ 15,730.00	
			$ 33,264.00

Co-operative Work:

Vellore All India Christian Medical College Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., B.Sc.,			
Salary and Expenses		$ 1,980.00	
Language Study		200.00	
Grant to Vellore Medical College		1,000.00	
Ludhiana Medical College		1,000.00	
Landour Hospital		200.00	
Women's Union Missionary Society of America, Jhansi		100.00	
National Christian Council of India		200.00	
Allahabad Agricultural College		500.00	
			$ 5,180.00
Total for India			$ 49,196.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries:			
Misses Ellen Anderson and Margaret Ramsay		$ 3,600.00	
General Conduct of Work:			
Evangelistic		$ 200.00	
Car Allowance and driver, travel, Miss Anderson and Miss Ramsay		1,300.00	
Rent in lieu of houses		1,080.00	
Miscellaneous, postage, stationery, etc.		145.00	
Total for British Guiana			$ 6,325.00

TAIWAN

Salaries:			
Misses Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.; Dorothy Douglas; Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.; Margaret MacKenzie; Hazel Macdonald, B.A.; Geraldine Greer, B.A.		$ 10,600.00	
General Conduct of Work:			
Tamsui Girls' School	$ 3,000.00		
Evangelistic			
Bible Women	1,500.00		
Field Work	500.00		
Interpreter	360.00		
Kindergarten Centre	250.00		
Music Department	250.00		
Language Study	400.00		
Cost of Living Bonuses	620.00		
Travel	600.00		
Maintenance of property	500.00		
Clerical, Mission Business, Postage, etc.	700.00		
		$8,680.00	
Total for Taiwan			$ 19,280.00

KOREANS IN JAPAN

Koreans in Japan		$ 1,000.00

LATIN AMERICA

Brazil, Partial Support of S.C.M. Secretary	$ 500.00	
Mexico, Partial Support of S.C.M. Secretary	500.00	
		$ 1,000.00

TRAINING OF NATIONALS

Miss Margaret Lin, Taiwan, Half Year	$ 400.00	
Miss Carol Chiam, Taiwan	900.00	
Mr. Stephen Shih, China	300.00	
Total for Training of Nationals		$ 1,600.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furloughs:		
Returning to Fields —		
Miss E. M. Magee	$ 1,000.00	
Miss Margaret Kennedy	1,000.00	
Coming from Fields —		
Miss Marion Williamson	1,000.00	
Miss Beatrice Scott	1,000.00	
Miss Irene Stringer	1,000.00	
		$ 5,000.00
Medical and Studies		$ 500.00

		Cost of Living, Canada —	
Miss MacMurchy	12 months	$ 400.00	
Miss Magee	8 months	264.00	
Miss Kennedy	3 months	100.00	
Miss Williamson	7 months	235.00	
Miss Scott	7 months	235.00	
Miss Stringer			
Miss Hermanson	12 months	400.00	
			$ 1,634.00
Total for Missionaries' Expenses			$ 7,134.00

NEW APPOINTEES

Misses Joan Rochemont, B.A., and Agnes Gollan, B.A., Travel to Field and Outfit Allowance	$ 5,200.00	
Language Study	300.00	
		$ 5,500.00

ON FURLOUGH

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., (Special Study in Canada)	
Miss Hazel Reaveley (Leave of absence)	$ 1,800.00

SUMMARY

India	$ 49,196.00
Taiwan	19,280.00
British Guiana	6,325.00
Koreans in Japan	1,000.00
Latin America	1,000.00
Training of Nationals	1,600.00
Missionaries' Expenses	7,134.00
New Appointees	5,500.00
Furloughed Missionaries	1,800.00
Overseas Executive Secretary, and Miss Olive Grant,	

Stenographic Secretary, Salaries and Expenses	6,100.00	
Overseas Contingency	650.00	
	$ 99,585.00	

ORGANIZATION

Director of Organization — Miss Margaret Webster, B.A.

Organization Staff

Director of Organization
Departmental Secretaries:
Children's Work Secretary (Miss L. Macarthur)
Girls' Work Secretary (Miss H. Bricker, B.A.) paid by Board of Christian Education
Secretary for Adult Work (half year)
Regional Secretaries:
Misses Ruby Walker, Grace Mackay, Margaret MacNaughton, B.A., Anne MacEachern, New Secretaries (3)
Stenographic Secretaries:
Misses Valerie Dunn and Ishbel Farquharson

Salaries and Expenses	$ 32,200.00
Secretarial Libraries	200.00
Conduct of Committee Work including the distribution of magazine for Children's Leaders	850.00
Deputation Expenses	4,000.00
Camps and Conferences	1,000.00
Synodical Grants	500.00
Field Letters	100.00
Contingency	1,300.00
	$ 40,150.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Grant to Visual Education Committee, General Board of Missions	$ 1,000.00	
W.M.S. films and slides	50.00	
		$ 1,050.00

STUDENTS

Student Christian Movement:		
Missionary Committee	$ 175.00	
General Budget	75.00	
Friendly Relations with Overseas Students	75.00	
Contingencies, e.g., students to conventions	50.00	
	$	375.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditures	$ 200.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Christian Literature for Formosa	$ 600.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Incorp.	300.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, through National Christian Council	400.00
Christian Literature for India, "The Christian Home Magazine"	1,000.00

Christian Literature for Africa, through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	1,000.00	
Christian Literature for Chinese, through Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese	500.00	
Christian Literature for Latin America	500.00	
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, for use in Korea and Japan	1,000.00	
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	50.00	
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	600.00	
Italian Literature in Canada, through Rev. Mariano di Gangi	300.00	
"L'Aurore", through Rev. J. A. Smith	500.00	
Hungarian Literature, "New Life"	500.00	
Ukrainian Literature, "Evangelical Truth"	1,000.00	
The Kuban Cossack Magazine, through Rev. Michael Fesenko	500.00	
The British and Foreign Bible Society	1,500.00	
	10,500.00	
From Legacy Fund	5,000.00	
		$ 5,500.00

GRANTS

United Nations Society	$ 10.00	
Joint Commission on Missionary Education	100.00	
Canadian School of Missions	1,000.00	
Women's Internationl Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00	
Inter Mission Aid Fund (Orphaned Missions)	200.00	
Department of Overseas Missions, C.C.C.	825.00	
		$ 2,160.00

PUBLICATIONS

Editorial Department

Editorial: Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Editor, and Mrs. Isabel Eldridge, Stenographic Secretary, Salaries and Expenses	$ 5,650.00	
Public Relations Committee	150.00	
		$ 5,800.00

Literature Department

Miss Louise Reith, M.A., Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Pitt, Stenographic Secretary, and Miss Shirley McDiarmid, Stenographer, Salaries and Expenses	$ 7,600.00	
Free Leaflets, ("Welcome and Welfare", etc.)	300.00	
Free Leaflets, Promotional	500.00	
Free Literature	500.00	
Missionary Letters (Grant for Mimeographing to Missionary Education Committee)	75.00	
Mimeographing	200.00	
Annual Report: Estimate for the year of 1954 for Printing, Mailing, and for printing new forms for the Annual Report	3,800.00	
		$ 12,975.00
		$ 18,775.00

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Miss Nellie W. Smith, Accountant, and Miss Barbara Hounsom, Steno-bookkeeper, Salaries	$ 4,700.00	
Office Rent (including amount previously estimated under Publications	5,580.00	
Auditing	400.00	
General Expenses	3,700.00	
Expenses of Council Executive members attending General Assembly and General Board of Missions, etc.	500.00	
Life Membership Department	200.00	
Exchange	150.00	
		$ 15,230.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Expenses, transportation, etc.	$ 5,000.00

SUMMARY

NATIONAL MISSIONS	$ 67,075.00
INSURANCE AND TAXES	1,200.00
OVERSEAS MISSIONS	99,585.00
ORGANIZATION	40,150.00
VISUAL EDUCATION	1,050.00
STUDENT	375.00
CANDIDATE	200.00
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE	5,500.00
GRANTS	2,160.00
PUBLICATIONS	18,775.00
ADMINISTRATION	15,230.00
COUNCIL MEETING	5,000.00
GENERAL CONTINGENCY	700.00
	$257,000.00

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND

Estimate for 1954

Interest on Permanent Endowment, Bhil Field	$ 60.00
Miss Margaret Lin	350.00
New Canadian Boy	30.00
Miss Carol Chiam	25.00
Miss C. Watson	50.00
Deaconess	200.00
Miss Margaret Kennedy	200.00
Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.	400.00
	$ 1,315.00

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 5, 1954

Adapted from a service prepared by Dr. Sarah Chakko of India

O Thou, with whom is the Fountain of Life, and without whom we can do nothing; whose grace is sufficient for us, and whose strength is made perfect in weakness; abide in us, that we, keeping Thy commandments, may abide in Thy love; so shall our peace be as a river, and our righteousness as the waves of the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

John S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)

Theme: That They May Have Life

(John 10:10)

(Quiet music if desired, but reverent silence will be observed as the people assemble.)

Hymn 91: "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven." (Tune: Praise My Soul.)

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,
  Praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,
  Praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,
  Praise Him,
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him, face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space:
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,
  Praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Act of Praise:

Leader: Let us praise God the Creator and Giver of Life. (Psalm 100.)
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands,
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter unto his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Act of Penitence: (Congregation standing.)

Leader: Lord, open Thou our eyes that we may see our sins of omission and commission in the light of the radiant life of Thy only begotten Son.

For our failure to see the wonder of the gift of life and the good things with which Thou has filled our lives,

Response: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: For our lack of appreciation of Thy great purpose for us and for our foolish contentment with less than the highest,

Response: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: For our unending concern with things insignificant and our neglect of Thy eternal values,

Response: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: For our wanton destruction of true community life by our tolerance of unfair distribution of Thy bounty to all men, unjust laws that limit the development of men to their full stature; for low ideals of life and conduct in society, for racial prejudice and ignorance in ourselves and in others,

Response: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: For our disregard of even the elemental needs of our fellowmen: food, clothing, shelter, home,

Response: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: For our low ideal of family life, for our broken homes and neglected children,

Response: Lord, forgive us.

All: Our Heavenly Father, blot out, we beseech Thee, our past transgressions. Forgive us our negligences and ignorances; and lift us up to a new life by the renewing of our mind and our spirit to a deeper devotion to Thee. So strengthen us that we may persevere to the end, through success and failures, through good report and evil report. We make this petition in the name of Him who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 184: "O Lord and Master of us all." (Tune: St. Flavian.)

O Lord and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine.

Our thoughts lie open to Thy sight;
And naked to Thy glance
Our secret sins are, in the light
Of Thy pure countenance.

Yet, weak and blinded though we be,
Thou dost our service own;
We bring our varying gifts to Thee,
And Thou rejectest none.

Apart from Thee all gain is loss,
All labour vainly done;
The solemn shadow of Thy Cross
Is better than the sun.

Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord,
What may Thy service be?
Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
But simply following Thee.

We faintly hear; we dimly see;
In differing phrase we pray;
But, dim or clear, we own in Thee
The Light, the Truth, the Way.

Words of Assurance (seated)

Leader: Hear what the Scripture saith to those of a humble and contrite heart:

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1, 2.)

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15.)

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32.)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16.)

Act of Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ: (unison)

Almighty God, we lift our hearts to Thee in gratitude for all Thy loving kindness to us and to all men. We thank Thee for His obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, for His glorious resurrection and ascension to Thy right hand, for the means of grace and the hope of glory that He has brought to us Thy sinful children. We thank Thee for the fellowship of the redeemed. Praise be to our Lord and Saviour.

Gloria: (To be sung or repeated in unison, all standing.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Intercession:

Leader: Let us pray for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and for all counsellors and advisers of the Crown; for all leaders of our great Commonwealth; for the leaders of the nations of the world; and for the members of the United Nations — that their minds may be lighted with Thy wisdom and their wills guided by Thy will.
(Prayer by one appointed, followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Leader: Let us pray for the citizens of the nations, of our Dominion, of our own communities, and for those among them who labour and employ others — that they may understand and assume their responsibilities, have concern for each other, and be glad to sacrifice self-interest for the public good.
(Prayer by one appointed, followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Leader: Let us pray for true peace; for homeless and despondent refugees; for those in areas of strife and of racial tension — that those who cause suffering may be forgiven and those who suffer may be purged of resentment and be given Divine comfort.
(Prayer by one appointed, followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Leader: Let us pray for homes and families around the world, that home shall be a shelter where family ties are reverenced, where children are nourished in the knowledge of God, and each member is brought to his fullest development.
(Prayer by one appointed, followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Leader: Let us pray for missionary societies that they may be consecrated in their study and planning for the spiritual needs of the world; for missionaries as they go out carrying the Gospel message; and for those who minister in other ways, caring for the sick, the young, the underprivileged — that they may be made strong in courage and faith.

(Prayer by one appointed, followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Leader: Let us pray for the Church Universal that she may be unblemished by controversy and failure to put first things first; for those who are being persecuted for the faith that they may be enabled to stand firm in their witness; and for the World Council of Churches that the member Churches may be conscious of their oneness in Thee and that they may speak a word of healing to this troubled world.

(Prayer by one appointed, followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Hymn "Lift up our hearts, O King of Kings." (Tune: Arlington.)

Lift up our hearts, O King of Kings,
To brighter hopes and kindlier things,
To visions of a larger good,
And holier dreams of brotherhood.

Thy world is weary of its pain,
Of selfish greed and fruitless gain,
Of tarnished honour falsely strong,
And all its ancient deeds of wrong.

Almighty Father, who dost give
The gift of life to all who live,
Look down on all earth's sin and strife,
And lift us to a nobler life. Amen.

Brief Address: (if desired)

A leaflet has been provided for speakers desiring it.

Special Music (if desired)

Offertory:

Leader: Let us pray for those whose lives are to be made fuller by these gifts.

Almighty God, whose light doth dispel the darkness of ignorance and evil, and who by Thy Holy Spirit dost illumine our minds with understanding, we praise Thee who hast set within us a desire to seek after knowledge and truth. We thank Thee for Thy gifts of literature which have nourished our minds and hearts and especially for the Bible that reveals to us Thy word. So quicken us that we may ever seek to share with others those gifts which Thou hast so richly bestowed on us; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Leader: Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.

Act of Dedication:

Leader: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my father honour. (John 12:24-26.)

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Matthew 16:24, 25.)

Leader: Let us pray:

Leader: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16.)

Response: We dedicate our bodies, O Lord, to uses befitting the temple of the living God.

Leader: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Philippians 4:8.)

Response: We dedicate our minds, O Lord, to Thy thoughts.

Leader: Let us remember the words of our Lord, who said — O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt (Matthew 26:39.)

Response: We dedicate our wills to Thy will, and ask that we may be worthy followers of Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. (1 Peter 1:3, 4.)

Hymn: 671: "The day Thou gavest, Lord is ended." (Tune: St. Clement.)

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Benediction

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace; both now and for evermore. Amen.

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Have you a Literature Secretary in your Auxiliary? If you have not perhaps there is someone in your group who, like the letter writer below, would enjoy that office. Try to discover her.

A New Year Begins

January 1954.

Dear Aunt Jean –

A New Year begins! In my first letter in 1954 I have some news for you which should make you think a little more favourably of your niece. I am now an officer in an Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society. You always said I should get "active" in the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Well I think I have an office that calls for action. I'm the new Auxiliary Literature Secretary! We never had a literature secretary in our Auxiliary before – that office was considered one we could do without.

Last Fall some of us from our group attended a Presbyterian Training Institute in our area. We came to the conclusion that there were several officers we had never had that we should have. When I saw the books and materials that are available (you know how I like books) I thought it was too bad more Auxiliary people than those able to attend the Presbyterial meetings could not see them. In December when I was asked if I would take an office in our Auxiliary I said I would like to be the Literature Secretary. So I will have to be *good*.

First of all I have resolved that I am going to watch the Literature Page in the *Glad Tidings* every month and the Book List on the back cover to see what is being recommended. I am going to write to the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, or to our Presbyterial Literature Secretary, for some of those books and read them in order to tell other people what they are all about. Then I will take the books to our Auxiliary meeting and try to interest the others in getting them and reading them too.

I can't see why people need to worry about programme material when so many books full of information are available – I'll have to help the Programme Committee to see that. Then its up to me to see that our Auxiliary provides the study packets for the Girls' and Children's Groups. I am sure if the children only saw some of the books there are they would want them for their very own. Perhaps some day the leaders will invite me to show the books for children to their groups.

Once the members see the kind of books that are available I'm hoping they will want to have an Auxiliary Library. I'll drop a few hints anyway. It would be good to have books to circulate around for reading. Home Helpers would feel they really belonged if they were brought books to read on the theme we are studying at our meetings. Indeed all the members of the congregation should get an opportunity to know the books that tell of the Church around the world. It is wonderful to think that we belong to a world-wide Christian fellowship and we should know about the rest of the Christian family.

I hope I will be as "active" as all this sounds but I really do feel that a Literature Secretary has a very special opportunity to help others to retlize what Christ means to the people in every land who know and follow Him.

Your niece,
"The new Auxiliary
Literature Secretary".

"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free;
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot
And said "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly: "Oh, no! not that!
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work was done —

Not that little place for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly:
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine
Art thou working for them or Me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee!"

— Author Unknown.

GREETINGS

to adult groups

FROM COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

Senior Auxiliaries

Dear Auxiliary Member:

January 1954 is with us. We have finished our work for 1953. We are off to a new start. It is a good time to look back and review our work and to look forward into the new year. First, we might review our study book and find out for ourselves just how much we have learned about our work. Do we understand better the real mission of the Church because we have studied together? Second, we might review our contributions to our work. Have we given as much as possible? We will need more money to continue with the work already started. Everything is costing more as we all know. This year our estimate is $257,000.00 an increase of $20,000.00. Mrs Pye in presenting the 1954 estimate at the annual meeting of council in London pointed out to us that it would mean only an extra 80c - 90c per month per member. Really not very much, is it?

Miss Helen Bricker speaking of her trip to the missions in the far East last year and the great need for workers said "The doors are wide open. It is an opportunity

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Mrs. L. B. BEATH
Senior Auxiliary Secretary
Council Executive

unlimited." What a challenge this is to each one of us.

The following are some of the things that I, as your secretary would like to see you give special attention this year —

1 — Endeavor to increase our membership by interesting all the women in the Congregation in the work of our Society.

2 — To become more familiar with the work of our Society and our Church by carefully reading *The Glad Tidings* and the *Record.*

3 — Send a representative from the Auxiliary to every Presbyterial meeting. This is the link between the Auxiliary and the Society as a whole and the information received will be most helpful to your Auxiliary.

4 — Plan for a family night in every congregation. If you have not already had one you will be pleased with the happy time you may enjoy together.

I send to each one of you sincere greetings for a Happy New Year and pray that the blessing of God may be with you and that you may find happiness in His work.

Mrs. L. B. Beath,
Senior Auxiliary Secretary

Evening Department Auxiliaries

WHEN you read this 1953 has passed along and 1954 has begun. The regular rotation of the years — be they few or many, eventful or monotonous, happy or sad, even-tenored or tempestuous — presents to us each January a new beginning — another chance — a hope for bigger and better things.

January is the door of the year, Through it we enter the new year to find that other chance — that fulfilment of a dream — that intangible something that will bring a fuller and more satisfying life.

As an Evening Auxiliary and as a member of the Women's Missionary Society we enter that door. It is too late to do anything about our failures and neglects of last year,

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MISS E. LUZETTA McCLELLAND
Evening Department Secretary Council Executive

except, of course, to be conscious of them.

RIGHT NOW is a good time to begin an all-round improvement. As an individual – as a member of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada whose "aim and purpose shall be to unite the women, girls and children of the Church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of God" let each one resolve:

– I will be more earnest in my prayer life and seek a quiet time each day;

– I will seek more guidance from my Bible, the source of help and comfort and strength;

– I will remember our missionaries in prayer and pray specifically for one or two each day by name;

– I will read more that I may be better informed about the work of the Society and our workers in every branch;

– I will remember that where "much is given, much is required";

– I will figure out my own personal responsibility for the carrying on and for the expansion of the work of the Church. more and more a note of urgency is creeping into the the reports from our fields of work. Read the article on Formosa by James Dickson in the December issue of *The Presbeterian Record*. (Systematic weekly giving has proved most effective.)

– I will do my best to be at every meeting of my Auxiliary;

– I will do what is asked of me;

– I will not be critical of officers, other members or programme. Within each one of us lies the sacred gift of influence. It is so easy to tear down, rather than to build up.

– I will endeavour to be a more intelligent, conscientious and enthusiastic member of my Auxiliary;

– I will endeavour to interest at least one other person during the year as a prospective member that our witness and service may be extended.

To this end let us look to our Auxiliary meeting that we may invite new members with a feeling of pride –

Does it begin on time?

Is every detail arranged well in advance?

Is the business kept to a minimum and despatched briskly and in a business-like manner?

Is it an informative meeting? Is the study material well presented?

Is there a feeling of interest in the material presented? Is there a friendly, co-operative attitude which can be felt at once by a stranger?

Can a new member feel at home and wanted and needed?

Have you a closing time and do you close on time?

Keep these "resolves" and "questions" on file through the year. Work on them. From time to time as an individual and as an Auxiliary chart your progress.

Best wishes for personal happiness and group satisfaction for 1954.

"God grant us wisdom in these
coming days
And eyes unsealed, that we clear
visions see
Of that new world, that He
would have us build,
To life's ennoblement and His
high ministry."

E. L. McClelland,
Evening Department Secretary.

Young Women's Auxiliaries

THIS is a welcome opportunity to express New Year Greetings to the young women of our Society — best wishes for an interesting and fruitful year ahead in your group work. There are so many pieces of work in the church which need the helping hand of the young women that I am sure you will have a busy time ahead.

It is a matter of great concern that there are so few groups of young women within our congregations taking their true responsibility in the life and work of the church. In the Women's Missionary Society we have on record only 100 groups across Canada, and to this may be added a good many other groups which are not directly associated with the W.M.S. However, from all sides one hears the comment that in so many areas there are no groups of young women. Now just how is this situation to be righted? Where are the young Women who have finished their time in either C.G.I.T. or Young People's? Is it not a matter of challenge to the young women of our Church to take on the responsibility of good "churchmanship" just as we are all called upon for good citizenship as we take our place in the adult community.

It is very true that there is a wide selection of interesting things to do in one's leisure time these days. Does it not then become a

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MISS ELLEN V. HAW
Young Women's Secretary
Council Executive

matter of being selective as to what to do with these leisure hours? And in the matter of putting first things first, is it not true that loving duty in the life and work of Christ's Church should have priority? The work of the Church in all its aspects – from the local congregation right on through all the channels of activity – *needs* young people.

So, to young women within the Women's Missionary Society – do everything to strengthen your ranks and challenge others to join in the work of the Church; to members of the Evening Department and the Senior Department – do everything possible to encourage young women to take their place of responsibility. So much can be done if one person will offer to be the "steering wheel" of a new group for a period of one or two years. One of the greatest services the older groups within our Society can perform is to resolve to *take action* on the matter of leadership among the young women of the Church.

Ellen V. Haw,
Young Women's Secretary
Council Executive.

God, give us eyes to se the human
  need;
God, give us hands to do the noble
  deed;
God, give us hearts that bleed when
  others bleed;
    Save us, good Lord.

God made us great, not with mere
  power and gold,
But with compassion strong and meekness bold;
For others, not ourselves, the trust to
  hold;
    Save us, good Lord.

God, make us true, clear as the heaven
  is clear,
Clean in our way of life, not knowing
  fear,
Building love's mighty kingdom far
  and near;
    Save us, good Lord.

God give the world the visioned peace
  that came
Before men's eyes through smoke and
  battle flame;
Make us a nation worthy of Thy
  name;
    Save us, good Lord.

—Frederick George Scott.

From C.G.I.T. to a Missionary Van

Joanne Tillish, a second year student at the Deaconess Training School, Toronto, tells of a summer working on a missionary van.

Did you ever stop and wonder how your C.G.I.T. training is going to affect your life? It certainly doesn't influence everyone in the same way, but if it didn't have *some* influence then it wouldn't be of much use. It can help you to be a better speaker, a better leader, in fact it can train you to be more effective in whatever you're doing. Sometimes it even helps you decide what you're going to do! When I graduated from C.G.I.T., little did I know that just one year later I would be on a mission field as a student deaconess. Yet it was my C.G.I.T. training that led me into full time church work.

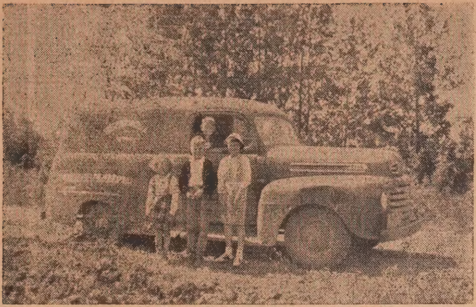
There is a great need for workers in our Church today. But it was not until I worked on a mission field that I really understood how great that need is. Can you imagine living in a district where there is no minister, no Church, no Sunday School? That situation is true of many parts of Canada. In most of the little farming communities around Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, where I worked last summer with a graduate deaconess, Sunday School is only held when a deaconess is sent out. Usually that is in the spring and summer and even then it is often impossible to travel over the roads.

Classes are held once a week during school time and we went to ten different schools. Because those "April Showers" lasted all May and June we were sometimes forced to abandon the van in a mud hole and walk the rest of the way. By the time we got back the van would be pulled out and ready to go home. It didn't take the people long to learn that we weren't much good with a shovel! It wasn't always that easy, though!

The children were always glad to see us and very willing to learn. Most of them loved to sing and we usually found someone to play the piano or guitar. Between classes we spent our time visiting their parent and the other people in the district. In one day we would normally travel fifty miles, visiting and teaching. It was difficult for many people to get into town because of the rainy weather so they eagerly welcomed any visitors.

To people living in little isolated spots we represented not only the Church but the whole outside world. For those of us brought up in the city it is hard to imagine how lonely these people can get, how much they need and want someone to talk to. They have many problems and often have to work long hours in order to make their living. It can be a great help just to know that other people are interested in them. Over and over the C.G.I.T. purpose would come to my mind; cherish health, seek truth, know God, serve others. Now those words that I had repeated so often sprang to life. It is only by doing those things that our lives can have meaning both for ourselves and for others.

When you are having your summer holidays and the Church School is closed the boys and girls in these little country districts really begin their classes. A whole week of Sunday School! That is just what happened. We literally moved out into the country and for five days in each district we held Church Vacation Schools. When you stop and think that for many of these youngsters this week will be the last time they will have any real religious instruction, till the next spring ,each class becomes very important. It must be a time that they will enjoy and remember. Besides the worship service and the Bible lesson we had game periods and handicraft projects. And always there was an afternoon or



Ready for Vacation School — children in the "Rocky" district beside the Van.

evening when the parents could come and see the work their children had done. We were sometimes surprised to see practically the whole community turn out to support our program. In homes where the parents are interested in the church the children will be taught more about Christ and His love but in other homes there will be no teaching.

One of the most thrilling jobs we undertook was to start a C.G.I.T. group in one of the districts. The girls had cows to milk and chickens to feed before they came, some had many miles over lonely country to walk but they were always there. Their eagerness to learn and their willingness to work was typical of the young people we had in all our classes. It seems so ironic that these are the girls that so seldom have the opportunity of belonging to a C.G.I.T. group.

Right now there is no deaconess at Rocky Mountain House. There is no one to go out into the country School classes, no one to be a C.G.-I.T. leader, no one to visit the little country homes. And Rocky Mountain House is only one of many such mission fields. You have the privilege of helping to send a young deaconess out on a van to a mission field next summer. Pause a moment and think of your own life, how much you take your church and your C.G.I.T. group for granted, then – think carefully over the purpose that you repeat each week.

This is the story of an experience Miss Margaret Kennedy had one Christmas Day, far away from Canada, in the country of India.

MISS MARGARET KENNEDY

Gulab Grows Up

GULAB lay on the warm sun baked earth outside his home in Jobet, India, feeling so contented. He had just finished eating the special Christmas dinner, and had managed to make away with two plates full of rice and chicken curry besides several fried, pancake-like pieces and spicy meat turnover-like bhazias. His brass plate had seemed so clean after he had soaked up the last bit of gravy with some crumbled up piece held in his fingers, but he had followed his father out of the open doorway and they had washed their plates together. As his father had filled the gourd from the water pot and had poured some water over Gulab's greasy fingers and into his plate, he and his son had exchanged a smile. Gulab knew what was in his father's mind. Now he lay happy thinking about it. He had eaten almost as much as his father, he would soon be counted a man and go with his father at night when the fish were biting or the deer were running!

This past year, Gulab had been in boarding school so "home at Christmas time" had meant more to him than it had before. The evening before, Christmas Eve, he had watched the little children of the local day school receiving presents at the Christmas Tree, but he hadn't envied them a bit as now he was an Amkhut Boarding boy! At midnight when the bell had been rung telling of the coming in of Christmas morning, he had gone out with the big boys and young men to sing carols all around the Christian homes. Later when he came back home, he found his mother still cooking away, making the Christmas delicacies, kneading the dough, popping bits of it into the boiling fat, and he noticed how the glow of the fire lit up her face as she squatted over the open fireplace.

In the flickering darkness behind her the younger children slept — two on the floor and two on the rope bed. Soon Gulab had to lie down beside them as he was almost sleeping on his feet. His dreams were interrupted by his father's voice, "Gulab, the motor is going out to Pusi and I am to help in the Christmas service there; do you want to come?"

"Oh dear," thought Gulab, I'm tired and it is so comfortable lying here, and if I go I'll miss getting the candy to be given out this evening. But I am glad father wants me to go".

"Gulab, are you coming or not?" His father wanted an answer.

"Yes, I'm coming," Gulab answered. "I'll run and get Jai Singh to come too. We'll meet you at the car."

Soon the boys were seated in the car which the missionary padre was driving. Gulab noticed the basket with some candy and cloth in it, at the feet of the Indian padre. As they bounced over the dusty road the two boys started humming one of the new Christmas songs they had learned at school.

"What's that you are singing, boys?" the padre asked. When told, he wanted them to sing it out loud and clear. They were glad to raise their voices and tell of the birth of a young King long ago. "That's grand," said the missionary padre. "How about singing that in the little village when we get there? You know these village people are just new Christians and they do not yet know all the happiness of Christmas time."

Gulab 'would soon be counted a man and go with his father at night when the fish were biting.'

After the car bumped over a field or two, it came to a stop, beneath a tree beside a typical Bhil farmer's house. Hearing the car, children came running over the fields from several directions. Old Kal Singh came from his courtyard straightening the turban on his head, and throwing his cotton shawl over his shoulder, as he advanced to greet his guests. In welcome he took their hands between his own. The whole party went through the gateway in the thorn fence, into the courtyard, and were soon seated in an uneven circle, some on mats on the ground, others on the wood and rope beds. Gulab had never been here before, and he took a good look around. In one corner goats were bunting each other, and opposite them two water buffalo, and two oxen stood contentedly chewing their cud.

The padre explained that this was a special day and that they had come so that together they would express their happiness on this the birthday of the Saviour Jesus. Part way through the service of worship the Padre said he was very glad that two boys had come along, and that they would now sing,. There was silence, then Gulab and Jai Singh started to sing, soon they forgot to be shy, and were really happy to be singing, and saying "Thank you" to God for what he had done for them. The small group of village people, even the children, listened very quietly, and tears came into old Kal Singh's eyes. He was thinking it must be the light of Jesus that shone in the faces of the two young boys, and rejoiced to know that his own grandchildren would grow up knowing Jesus.

After singing, the boys helped to give the gifts of cloth and candy, and strangely enough they felt even happier than the people who received the gifts. But Kal Singh's wife was not to be outdone on this happy day. She called her daughter and together they poured out several measures of grain from their big mud stove pot, and gave a little to all the visiting group. Gulab and Jai Singh were taken over to the bit of garden near the well, and as they held up the ends of their skirts green onions and red peppers were dropped into them, and each bundle was swelled out by a handful of peanuts.

As Gulab came near home again, he couldn't help but sing and sing, as this was surely one of the happiest days he had ever had. He had the onions and peppers to give to his mother, and he was eating his share of the peanuts, but that wasn't what made him happy. No, it was because of the new way his father was looking at him, and because he had learned that it is more fun to give and to share than to receive, even at Christmas time.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA PREBYTERIAL — A special Thank-offering meeting was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Victoria,** when Mrs. J. G. Robison gave a most interesting talk on her trip to Great Britain and Ireland. On her tour many cathedrals and churches, both ancient and modern were visited, as well as the impressive War Memorial in Edinburgh. Vice President Mrs. E. M. McKay presided.

A joint meeting of Knox Senior Auxiliary and the Mary Currie group was held in **Port Alberni** at the home of the Vice President of the Mary Currie group. Mrs. Wainwright conducted the worship service and business relating to the fall programme discussed. Mrs. H. Watson, **Victoria** Presbyterial delegate to Council presented her impressions of those annual sessions.

A full meeting of **Victoria** Presbyterial Executive was held Thursday October 1st, in St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria,** the President, Mrs. Warren, in the chair. Plans were discussed for the coming Training Institute which will be held in Victoria Presbyterial November 16th to 20th.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — During the fall season, Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** has been privileged to hear two outstanding speakers; Miss Hazel Reaveley, home on furlough from the Jhansi Field, India, took her listeners on a tour of the part of the field where she has been working and showed the great need there is for the loving message of our Saviour to be taken to those people who still sit in darkness. A very clear picture of the difficulties our missionaries have to overcome was presented.

At the thank-offering meeting the address was given by a recent graduate of Knox College, Rev. Harry Green, who is now minister of **White Rock** and **Newton,** in the Fraser Valley. Very clearly he pointed out our responsibities in meeting our obligations to our Church and all its Missionary endeavours. Unthankfulness, he stated, expresses itself as a failure of a human soul to respond to God's love. Mrs. E. Fox presided.

The Senior group of St. Aidan's W.M.S., **New Westminster,** held their Thank-offering meeting in the Church Hall with the President, Mrs. W. H. Magee presiding. The guest speaker was Miss Edith Anderson. St. Aidan's W.M.S. suffered a severe loss in the death of Miss Emma Stephenson who was a good and faithful member for many years.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's - St. Stephens, New Westminster was held with Mrs. W. T. Beattie presiding and devotions taken by the minister, Rev. P. C. McCrae. The guest speaker was Rev. H. Green, B.A., of White Rock who said that to be a Christian is to be on the receiving end of God's gift of Himself, the only one which can satisfy. Thanksgiving, if genuine, demands concrete expression. If this Church in Canada is giving in true response to God's giving then it will have a future to redound to the Glory of God.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — For three nights, from October 21st to 23rd, the Presbyterian Training Team of Miss Grace McKay, Miss Hazel Reaveley, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. McSween instructed the senior members, the Evening Department and Young People of our churches in Calgary. We were also fortunate in having Rev. J. S. Clarke to give inspiring instructions to the various Sunday School Superintendents and teachers of Bible Classes. It was very interesting to hear of the wonderful work our own Miss Reaveley had been doing among the people of the Jhansi Field in India and to see the many pictures she had brought back with her.

The group discussions were very instructive and those attending were able to go back to their various groups with many varied and new ideas in the presentation of our work.

The Women's Missionary Society of the **North Hill** Presbyterian Church held their Thank-offering service in the Church Sunday evening. The President, Mrs. M. E. Walker had charge of the service. The guest speaker was Rev. John MacLeod of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Calgary, taking his text from Psalm 116, verse 12 "What shall I render unto the Lord."

This year the Society has presented three Life Memberships, 15 of the 19 members on the roll are Life Members.

The three missionary groups of Knox Presbyterian Church, **CALGARY,** combined to hold their Fall Thankoffering Meeting. The President of the Senior Auxiliary, Mrs. R. Downie, presided and gave a resume of the work of the Women's Missionary Society and their need. Miss A Semple of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary assisted. The Rev. John MacLeod of St. Andrews Church was the guest speaker. He said the greatest need in the Church today is to be delivered individually from our bonds. Enter into the gate of God's divine freedom and accept His greatest gift in Jesus Christ. Consecrated hearts and dedicated lives are the only things God wants in return.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. J. Kelman, president of the Edmonton Presbyterial, presided at the November executive meeting held in Westmount Presbyterian Church. At this meeting Mrs. A. L. Forrester gave concise but interesting highlights of the recent Synodical meeting held at Red Deer. It is encouraging to know that some of the students, who have attended the **Medicine Hat** Training School, intend to study for the ministry.

At the second part of the meeting Rev. W. J. Graham, minister of Westmount Church introduced the guest speaker, Rev. J. Dickson, missionary on furlough from Formosa, where he has served for 26 years.

Rev. J. Dickson gave a very impressive address. There are five overseas Presbyterian mission fields — Formosa, Japan, Korea, and two in India. Formosa is a Presbyterian Island where there are now more than four hundred Presbyterian Churches; after 80 years of missionary work, half of these built the last six years. In Taipei there are eleven churches. When Dr. MacKay first preached there the natives were so opposed to him that they tore down church after church. The last one was made of iron and is an historic church. It is most aggressive, a hive of activity seven days in the week. There is a loud-speaker to carry the message to more than 1000 people in out-door meetings. Some from this church are studying for the ministry.

Due to inflation money had to be collected three times to complete the building of one church. Today this church is going ahead in a wonderful way and is now self-supporting, a fine brick building better than many in Canada. Although the standard of living is low their church is the finest building in the community. Some people give a third of all they possess.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Carstairs Auxiliary had a particularly interesting Thank-offering meeting in the church. A young woman who had grown up in the Carstairs district was guest speaker, Mrs. Ralph Jacobson, who had been Miss Doris Bonck, and who had gone to the Mission field of Ethiopia several years ago, had married there, and is now on furlough with her husband and two small children. Mrs. Jacobson used a projector and showed slides of scenes in Ethiopia and Aden, Arabia where she was first sent before going to Addis Abbaba.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Red Deer Knox Church W.M.S. was held in the church hall with the president, Mrs. P. Jardine presiding. The regular meeting of business was followed by the printed service provided for the occasion. A resume of conditions under which all missionaries work in Africa, Formosa, China, India, Korea and Canada, was given by one of the members. The topic chosen for this talk was "We are sowers of the seed" and was based on the parable of the sower and the seed.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The Edna Bell Auxiliary of First Church, **Regina,** held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Vickers. Following the business portion of the meeting, a devotional period was conducted by Miss Jean Williamson — using the "Service of Worship" from the September issue of the Glad Tidings.

Stoughton W.M.S. Auxiliary held their Thankoffering Service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Rev. James Dickson of Formosa was the guest speaker and thrilled and challenged those present with his story of the work in the land of Formosa one where church of two thousand doubled its membership in one year, and where new churches are being built almost at the rate of one a week. Guests included friends from the Anglican and United Churches and representatives from the Hillhurst congregation.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Thankoffering meeting of the First Church Auxiliary, **BRANDON,** was presided over by the President, Mrs. J. Andrews. The meeting was well attended and a welcome extended to our new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Davidson.

Rev. Davidson spoke on Missions, Home and Abroad, and told briefly of the work being done in the Peace River district in camps along the highway, and of the church being opened at **Whitehorse** recently.

October 26th and 27th. The Training Institute team comprising Miss Margaret Kennedy, missionary, Miss Margaret McNaughton, regional secretary for Manitoba, Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary and Mrs. E. Olson, in charge of Girl's Work, opened a two day session at First Church **Brandon.** Miss Kennedy spoke at both meetings and showed films of the Bhil field, emphasizing that 'now is the time for the Christian Church to rise up and proclaim the ever new truth that in Christ is to be found the needs of people.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The wide influence of Christian teaching in India today was discussed by Miss Margaret Kennedy, returned missionary, who was guest speaker at the first session of the Presbyterian Training Institute held in St. Andrew's Church, **Fort William.**

Mrs. G. P. Stirrett presided and the Rev. A. H. Johnston conducted the devotional period.

Miss Margaret MacNaughton, captain of the institute team introduced the other members of the team.

Miss Kennedy, who has served in a mission field in India, gave a most inspiring talk, taking as her theme, the "fullness of the life of God revealed in the Life of Christ in Palestine 2000 years ago." As it meets the needs of the human life at every point, so today it meets the needs of the outcast, the caste Hindu, and religious ascetics in the Indian villages.

"Is this not a time of opportunity for Canada, to make clear that the fulfillment of all India's aspirations are to be found in Christ whose teachings are the basis of our democracy", she asked.

Group discussions followed under the leadership of Miss MacArthur for Children's work; Mrs. Anderson, Girl's Work; and Miss McNaughton, adult work.

Conclude Training Course. The final session of the Presbyterian Training Institute was held in First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur** with Mrs. G. P. Stirrett presiding.

Following the devotional conducted by Rev. J. A. McMahan and Mr. Davidson, the various groups met for discussion and study.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, missionary from India, gave a most interesting and comprehensive talk on her work among the Bhil people of Northern India. By word picture, she contrasted the life of these jungle people to life in Canada.

"The Bhil people," she said, have not such a definite caste system as the Hindu, but their life is circumscribed by spirits and they live in continual fear of them."

"Shrines may be seen under any tree by the roadside, some very crude. No other force but the Christian teaching can battle these forces of evil," she declared.

Following Miss Kennedy's address a service of dedication was led by Mrs. J. Loney.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Women's Missionary Society of Kildonan Presbyterian Church held their annual Home Helper's meeting. Mrs. D. McRae, Presbyterian Home Helpers' Secretary, presided. Mrs. McRae welcomed the members and visitors. Mrs. F. Ross, then presented Mrs. D. E. Flint with a souvenir brooch as a parting gift from the members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Flint thanked the members. She was leaving to reside in the U.S.A. Mrs. D. McRae then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Kennedy, who entitled her talk "Our Missions in the Synod of Manitoba."

The Auxiliary of Kildonan Presbyterian Church held the first meeting of the fall season at the home of Mrs. H. Macdonald. **Assiniboine Park,** Mrs. G. Smith presided. Mrs Duffin reviewed the fourth chapter of the Study Book. This was entitled "African Life — Old and New". Mrs. MacLennan gave the "Missionary News" for this meeting.

The Auxiliary of Kildonan Church held their regular October meeting in Nisbet Hall. Mrs. H. Macdonald reviewed the fifth chapter of the Study Book, "Africa Contrasts and Conflicts." This dealt with education in Africa, Old and New. It was very important it be a Christian Education with good Christian Literature after they had learned to read and write. This was essential as they adapt themselves to these modern times.

Mrs. Kernaghen, president of the Auxiliary, First Church, **Winnipeg,** expressed her appreciation of the work of the Home Helpers as members of the Auxiliary at a gathering of Home Helpers held recently. Mrs. Haig spoke of the value of The Glad Tidings.

Mrs. Campbell told of her visit to a Tank-offering meeting while in the east. The old Kildonion Auxiliary held their Thanksgiving Service in the Church on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Cormack Smith, president, presided.

Rev. S. Hill of St. James Church brought a most interesting and informative message based on the words of the theme: "Feed My Sheep."

The November meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, **Winnipeg,** was held at the home of Mrs. Laird. The guest speaker was Mrs. Cormack Smith, Presbyterial President. Mrs. Smith gave an overall picture of the work of the W.M.S. both National and Overseas Missions.

This Auxiliary lost a most valuable member recently. Mrs. T. Newlands, who left Winnipeg to make her home in Brandon. Mrs. Newlands was a past President of Calvin Auxiliary. At the time she left she was Auxiliary Secretary.

The **Winnipeg** Prebyterian Church Training Institute was held in First Church from November 9th to 12th. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock followed by Worship Service conducted by Dr. Maclean. Miss Margaret Kennedy, returned missionary from India, Miss Lily Macarthur, National Children's Work Secretary, Miss Margaret McNaughton, Presbyterian Regional Secretary, Mrs. George Anderson from Petawawa, Ontario, were held each evening. Miss Kennedy was introduced by Miss McNaughton, Team Captain. In her first address the missionary, Miss Kennedy spoke of Relationship between God and Man. We have to love our Church and the Holy Spirit. We must give out the message to the end of the world.

Tuesday, the Worship Service was conducted by Dr. M. E. R. Boudreau. Wednesday Worship Service was conducted by Rev. S. H. Hill. Thursday by Rev. J. Dean C. Smith . At 8 o'clock an open meeting was held in the Church. Worship Service by Dr. M. E. R. Boudreau, Moderator of Presbytery.

In her closing address, Miss Kennedy said "This is Canada's Day of Opportunities. The slower we are at grasping our opportunities the quicker the enemy will take over."

On Thursday at 1.30, a luncheon for the visiting team was held at the Homestead, by the members of the Winnipeg Presbyterial.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — At the fall Executive of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial the organization of two new groups were reported, i.e.; a Young Women's Auxiliary in Walkerton, and an Explorer Group in Port Elgin. Also the entertaining of the Synodical Society of **Hamilton** and **London** for the Annual Meeting next April in Owen Sound was spoken of in a way that indicates a hearty welcome will be given the delegates and everything possible done to make this successful.

In **Southampton** a C.G.I.T. Supper rally of the Presbyterial Societies brought together members from **Tiverton, Port Elgin, Owen Sound** and **Wiarton.** Sixty-two were present and heard Mrs. H. Wilson of **Port Elgin** address them on, "The Purpose of the Canadian Girls in Training."

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterian Training Institute had meetings September 28th and 29th in Owen Sound for the Northern section of the Presbyterial while the Southern section met September 30th and October 1st in **Walkerton** and the meeting October 2nd was for leaders from all parts of the Presbytery. On the last evening Miss Webster gave a synopsis of the work accomplished in the Presbytery by the Training Team and Miss Edith M. Magee, in Indian costume, spoke on her work in India.

Mrs. H. Wilson addressed the **Allenford** Thank-offering at which were guests from the Evening Auxiliary of Allenford United Church, also from **Elsinore, Tara** and **Port Elgin.**

....**At** Burgoyne Thank-offering, Rev. Dr. George Aitken of Southamton spoke on Formosa, showing colored slides. At **Hanover,** Mrs. B. F. Andrews spoke on British Guiana. At **Paisley** Mrs. H. Wilson told of her experiences in preaching, teaching and healing while working amongst the Bhils of India.

The Beatrice Scott Evening Auxiliary, **Port Elgin,** heard Rev. John Elder tell, in a very interesting way, of his work in British Guiana, which address he illustrated by slides. Many guests were present from **Port Elgin** Afternoon Auxiliary and from **Tara.**

Mrs. H. Wilson addressed the **Owen Sound** Afternoon and Evening Auxiliary when they met together for their Thank-offering. Fearing that the door to India is closing she asked her hearers to pray that first the Church of Christ may be firmly established there.

At **Southampton** Rev. Dr. George Aitken addressed the Senior Auxiliary fall Thank-offering.

Tara used the Service of Thanksgiving from the Glad Tidings when Miss Winnifred Munro of **Port Elgin,** Presbyterial Recording Secretary, addressed their Thank-offering.

Turners Rev. Dr. George Aitken told of missionary work being carried on among new Canadians. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of Rev. William Quigley, their late minister.

Rev. John Elder spoke in **Walkerton** on "The Triumph of the Cross in British Guiana" and used colored slides; while in **Williamsford** Rev. Hugh Wilson of Port Elgin spoke on "The Church in Action" referring especially to its action in India.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Knox W.M.S. **Leamington** used the Thanksgiving Service from Glad Tidings at their October meeting in the home of Mrs. Laird Mann. An intensely interesting letter from Miss Irene Stringer, Jobat, India, thanked the ladies for their latest 'Care" parcel to reach her. Twenty-two calls were made during the month.

The Jessie Linton Mission Band, **Belle River,** meet the first Tuesday of each month and in recently electing their slate of 1954 officers we note this slate includes a Membership convener and we wish for your Mission Band many new members during the coming months.

St. Andrew's Sr. W.M.S., **Windsor,** honored Mrs. Wallace Burns in the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership as an appreciation of her many years of untiring devotion to their Auxiliary. Welcome and Welfare report twenty-six calls made.

At the regular meeting of the Laura Pelton Missionary Society of **Windsor,** Miss Jessie Smith, president of the Alexander Bartlet Group was the guest speaker and brought an inspiring message on the need for Faith in daily living.

Mrs. Rex Bicks was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of **Riverside** W.M.S. and portrayed her experiences in India, first as a child at a Mission School and later as a teacher at a Mission School in the Himalayan Mountains. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary announced two new Associate members, making six in all. Members have volunteered to help in the forthcoming congregational "Every Member Canvass."

Knox Presbyterian W.M.S., **Wallaceburg,** had Mrs. Donald McLaren of Duart, Literature and Exchange Secretary of Chatham Presbyterial speak to them at their Thank-offering, her subject being "Fifty Years of Missionary Enterprise throughout the World."

The W.M.S. of Knox Presbyterian, **Turin,** had **Kintyre** and **Rodney** Auxiliaries join them in their Thank-offering, with Mrs. Betty Aldreton of Kintyre giving an address on "Prayer".

Chatham Presbyterial Training Institute met November 9th and 10th in Windsor for the Western portion of the Presbytery and the Eastern portion meetings were held in **Thamesville,** Nov. 11th and 12th and 13th. Miss Anne MacEachern, Regional Secretary, Miss Edith Magee, B.A., missionary on furlough from India and Miss Louise Reith, Publications Secretary, directed these.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — **Carluke,** St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary celebrated 10 years of Service for the Master. Greetings were given by Mrs. D. M. Allan, Mrs. D. Munro, Miss A. J. Ritchie and Miss M. B. McQuesten for the Presbyterial, with Mrs. A. Stewart presiding at this happy Missionary milestone.

Jarvis, Knox, Senior observed its 60th birthday with many guests extending congratulations. Mrs. Fallis, a Charter member, was welcomed. Rev. W. H. Fuller introduced the speaker, Rev. K. Heriot, a former chaplain of the Royal Australian Navy, who has charge of a Bible school for Christian workers in Alberta.

Caledonia. Rev. B. F. Andrew of Hanover, formerly of British Guiana, showed colored slides to illustrate his lecture on British Guiana where he and Mrs. Andrews served as missionaries, in addressing members and friends of **Salem Cottage** Evening Auxiliary at their Thank-offering.

The **Jean Moodie** Evening Auxiliary was hostess at the Thank-offering meeting of St. David's, **Hamilton,** groups. The Senior Auxiliary, the Explorers and Mission Band all had a part in this, and Rev. James McAvoy, the Evening speaker, spoke on "Gratitude."

St. Paul's Senior W.M.S. of Hamilton, entertained the Home Circle, Kate McGregor and Y.W. Auxiliaries. Miss Janet Virtue was honored in memory of Mrs. McKellar.

At St. John's, **Hamilton,** Dr. Jessie Findlay told of her work in the hospital at Vellore, India, and showed slides to the Senior Auxiliary, Laurel Circle, the Y.W. Auxiliary, and the King's Daughters.

MacNab St. Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** heard Mr. Gordon Firth tell of his work in a Mission field in Northern Manitoba. Mrs. Arthur McPherson and Masters Richard Thompson and Glen Aston were honored.

St. Enoch's Margaret Allan Evening Auxiliary sponsored a special travelogue of Scottish scenes and the Coronation by Miss F, B. Conely.

At St. Columba Senior Auxiliary Thank-offering Mrs. T. G. M. Bryan spoke on "Giving Thanks" with the C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups taking part.

The Rosalind Goforth Evening Auxiliary entertained at their joint Thank-offering, Erskine Senior, the Mildred Soutar Evening and the Mildred Gehman Y.W. Auxiliaries. Mrs. T. G. M. Bryan was the special speaker and the attendance was excellent.

Knox Senior Auxiliary, **Waterdown** enjoyed hearing Mrs. F. M. Gordon and Mrs. James Dickson.

Special speakers at St. Cuthbert's Senior, St. Enoch's Senior of **Hamilton** were Mrs. Mariano Di Gangi and Mrs. Richard Kinghan.

The Margaret Pirie Evening Auxiliary of Knox Dundas entertained the Senior and Sarah Dunning Y.W. Auxiliaries with Mrs. T. G. M. Bryan as guest speaker.

New Westminster C.G.I.T. was awarded a Chevron for successful work done last year.

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. are making decorative wall plaques.

St. Cuthbert's C.G.I.T. entertained the girls from New Wistminster who conducted the Worship and directed the evening games.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — **Port Stanley** W.M.S. was at home to neighboring friends on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of their society and had a special speaker, Mrs. Arthur Hamilton of **Atwood,** President of Hamilton - London Synodical. Knox Church, **Fingal,** provided special music and the members of the Evening Auxiliary acted as ushers. Mrs. Lorne Vary presided and Mrs. Alex Taylor, the only Charter member still active in the work of the Church, cut the Birthday cake. Mrs. J. A. McCallum, a valued

W.M.S. worker was honored as she leaves to make her home in West Lorne.

Kathleen Waldie was in the chair for the annual Thank-offering of the **Cairncross** Mission Band of St. Georges Church, **London,** when Miss Bessie MacMurchy told the members many interesting stories about her work in India.

Eighty ladies were present when the W.M.S. of St. James, **North Yarmouth,** celebrated a 60th anniversary and Thank-offering October 8th. Mrs. W. A. Kincaid, President, presided and Mrs. J. K. West, President of London Presbyterial, was the guest speaker. Friends were present from **Belmont, St. Thomas, Glanworth, Kingsmill, Sparta, Byron** and **London.**

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — **Lucknow** W.M.S. and Evening Auxiliary combined in their Thank-offering meeting with Mrs. W. A. Henderson of Walkerton, the special speaker. The President, Miss MacLeod stated in 1954 their W.M.S. would celebrate a 70th Anniversary. An Honorary W.M.S. Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Ewan MacKenzie, now a shut-in.

Ripley Afternoon Auxiliary had Rev. Matthew Bailey of **Bluevale** address them and **Molesworth** heard Mrs. Nimmo of Wingham, while in **Gorrie** they entertained Bluevale Auxiliary and had Miss Acheson of Sault Ste. Marie as guest speaker.

Mrs. Matthew Bailey of Bluevale was guest speaker at the meeting of the afternoon auxiliary of Knox Church, she said, "When we meet together to pray there is no limit to what God will to for our missionaries." Mrs. S. Bowers summarized the last two chapters of the study book, Africa — Contrasts and Conflicts.

Cranbrook Auxiliary of the W.M.S. had a special speaker at their October meeting at which they entertained the Home Helpers. Mrs. Matthew Bailey, Bluevale, gave a very splendid talk on **Ripley,** speaking on "Thankfulness" "Being Thankful," giving several personal experiences in Ireland as illustrations. Mrs. W. M. Hyndman, President, presided for this meeting held in the home of Mrs. Allen Cameron.

This Auxiliary suffered the loss of a most faithful member in the person of Mrs. R. K. McDonald, who passed on September 28th in her 93rd year. She was a Life Member of the W.M.S., a former president, and faithful all her life in the work of the W.M.S. Sunday School and Church.

The Evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Cranbrook,** held a special Thank-offering meeting in the Church in October to which members of the Senior Auxiliary and the **Union** United Church were invited, with Mrs. R. Boggs, **Molesworth,** bringing a most inspiring message to all.

Cranbrook Mission Band and the **Ethel** Mission Band have entertained each other in the past few months.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — At the fall Executive of Niagara Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Church, **Welland,** it was urged that all members promote in every way the coming Presbyterian Training Institutes in Niagara Presbytery, to be held the second week in January. Mrs. Robert Lumsden, supply Secretary, reported two bales sent our Indian School, a box of Christmas Gifts to Mrs. William Weir, hospital visitor, **London,** one box to Niagara Sanatorium, two boxes to the Salvation Army, also a bale to the Scott Mission, Toronto.

Niagara Falls, St. Davids, Stamford and **Chippawa** look forward to hearing Rev. John Elder when he visits in this part of the Presbytery and speaks in Chippawa Presbyterian Church.

Drummond Hill Church, **Niagara Falls,** will be at home for the annual

Presbyterial meeting, January 27th, 1945, and the Church Organist and Choir Director, Mr. Clive Jacklin, has kindly offered to give a recital on their new Church Organ before the evening session, and to have Drummond Hill Choir present for this meeting.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The Paris Presbyterian Church Evening Auxiliary W.M.S. has taken the name Alexandra Mackenzie Auxiliary in tribute to the organizer and first president, the late Mrs. F. Scott Mackenzie.

October saw **Paris** W.M.S. present as guests of Central Church, **Brantford,** Evening Auxiliary in Brantford, also in Paris Mrs. David Gowdy of **Galt** was Thank-offering speaker for the W.M.S. and the Helen Young Auxiliary had Rev. N. Kennedy address their Thank-offering.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. Galbraith presided at the **Watford** Thank-offering. Mrs. R. Luckham of St. Andrews United Church and Mrs. H. Miller from Central United brought greetings. Mrs. P. J. McEwen, of Wyoming, Synodical Children's Department Secretary was the special speaker and her theme was "Thanksgiving." Mrs. McEwen stressed the importance of using all our talents and of teaching the children about missions in other lands, remembering with our prayers and givings those without food as we teach them in things spiritual and thus promote peace.

Two sessions were held at **Watford,** of the District Presbyterian Training School and over 110 women from town and country Churches representing **Alvinston, Napier, Chalmers, Strathroy, Centre Road, Beechwood, West Adelaide, Warwick, Wyoming, Forest** and **Watford** attended and benefited from these talks and discussion groups. Three sessions were held in Wyoming and here also the meetings were very interesting and those present were appreciative of this new venture of our Church's work.

In Knox **Warwick,** Mrs. George Dewar, Presbyterial President, spoke on the "Harvest Festival" when she addressed Knox Thank-offering. Mrs. Edwin Runnalls was honored at this meeting. The story of Creation as told for the Mission Banders, and a song by them, added much to the meeting.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The Presbyterian Training Institute was held in Stratford Presbytery at Knox Church, **Mitchell,** October 26th to 30th, with the leaders, Miss Anne MacEachern, Miss Louise Reith and Miss Edith Magee. They had interesting discussions and good attendance. Rev. John Elder addressed the Friday evening meeting and brought a very timely message. He also spoke at as many places as possible within the Presbytery.

The W.M.S. of **Avonton, Harriston, St. Mary's** Knox, and **St. Mary's Glengowan** were invited to **St. Mary's** First Church to hear Rev. John Elder bring a Thank-offering message.

Knox Church Gordon Auxiliary had their first tea at the home of Mrs. D. Mackay "The Manse". The guests were received by Mrs. R. Skinner, president, assisted by Mrs. D. Mackay.

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The Autumn Executive meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in Calvin Presbyterian Church. Our twelve Presbyterials were represented, giving splendid reports of our work being done, and progress, since the annual meeting, and prospects for the remaining months of 1953. Reports also were given regarding our Council Meeting held in London; and the Evening Department conference, held in Hamilton. The Synodical treasurer also presented our allocations for the coming year. Mrs.

J. D. Ralston, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School presented twelve young women, who are students of this year's class. One of the highlights of our open meeting was Miss Ellen V. Haw, Chairman, Organization Committee, and Young Women's Secretary; Council Executive, who gave a splendid detailed plan of work for the coming year.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Thankoffering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presybterian Church, **Orillia,** was held last week in the Church. Preceding the organist and choir director Mr. J. D. Gordon, L.L.C.M. gave a short organ recital from the composition of Weinbager, whose first organ composition since coming across the Atlantic is a series of Bible Tone Poems suggested by Scripture passages. Each number was preceded by the appropriate passage from the Bible read by Mrs. William McEachern.

The president, Miss Margaret Johnston, welcomed the members, guests and visitors from the surrounding country. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. William McEachern and Mrs. Neil Norman.

The guest speaker was Miss J. Scott of Toronto, writer of "Religious Thoughts" for a Daily Paper.

The speaker's subject was "Life's Grand Adventure." Miss Scott gave a testimony of the power of God's love in her life. She compared the heavenly romance with the earthly one, where young lovers rush into contracts without real love and it soon ends in separation or divorce. So with our heavenly romance it must be an all consuming love for the master, anxious at all times to do his work.

To have this great love we must diligently study our Bible to learn his method, his way of life and to interpret his message. If we live close to Jesus, talk to him as a friend we shall grow like Him and by our action bring others to Him.

Dr. MacInnis concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Good Companions Girls' Auxiliary of Orillia celebrated their twentieth anniversary by a Mother and Daughter Pot Luck Supper. Miss Mary Grant, president of the Auxiliary welcomed the girls and their mothers, along with some members of the W.M.S. Greetings were brought by Mrs. W. A. Stewart of **Victoria Harbour** who is the Girls' Secretary for Barrie Presbyterial. Miss Kay Braden who was the first president, read the minutes of the first two meetings and was presented with a small token of remembrance upon her approaching marriage. A small gift was also presented to Miss Kay Anne Anderson who was the present secretary up until leaving for Toronto to attend the Ontario Teachers' College. Kay Anne read the minutes of the last Mother and Daughter supper. Miss Margaret Johnstone president of the W.M.S. presented Valda Brunins with a Seal, the first prize awarded by the W.M.S. in the 'Story Telling Contest". Mrs. Haywood of the Farther Lights Auxiliary presented Aji Brunins with a Junior Membership a second prixe given for the "Story Telling Contest". A third prize of a Junior Membership given by the Leaders was won by Lynn Rowat. Consolation prizes were given by Mrs. Norman Post, and won by Joyce Chester and Sandra Bresso. Mrs. D. H. McNabb who organized the group and who was leader for a number of years gave a most interesting paper on the History of the Organization over the past twenty years. A very enjoyable evening was had by all present.

The Annual Rally of the Girls Gorups was held in **Orillia** Presbyterian Church witht over eighty girls attending. Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Girls' Secretary presided. Dr. McInnis of **Orillia** welcomed the girls and their leaders and told interesting experiences he had during his tour as Moderator.

Mrs. William MacEachern, president of Barrie Presbyterial brought greetings from the Executive.

The Roll Call was answered by the girls telling of the Home Mission Work our Church is doing in Canada. The project this year was gifts made for our retired missionaries and ministers in Penmarvin Home. Mrs. A. C. Stewart of **Midland** introduced the speaker, Mrs. Treleaven, Girls' Organizations Secretary, Toronto, Council Executive.

Mrs. D. H. MacNabb presented the Banner to the Orillia group for their highest average attendance.

Duntroon issued an invitation for the Rally to be held in their Church for 1954.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, **Burk's Falls,** held their Thank-offering meeting at the Church. Members of the W.M.S., Home Helpers, and Young People were present.

The Thank-offering programme from the Glad Tidings was followed. A paper was given by Mrs. H. Stewart on "The Church, Prayer and Fellowship". The remainder of the meeting was in charge of the Young People under the leadership of Mrs. D. C. Graham.

Executive members were present from **Burks Falls, Magnetawan, Parry Sound** and **Sudbury** for the fall executive meeting of the North Bay Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The meeting was held Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Paul Newton. Sub-executive officers from North Bay were also present.

Reports were presented by the department secretaries,and the treasurer, Mrs. Andrew Logan, **Parry Sound,** reported that the allocation would be met by the end of the year.

The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Newton, gave an account of the Fall Executive meeting of the Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society, which had been held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto. She gave a report of the Evening Department Conference, held in Hamilton, and an outline of the addresses of the missionary speakers at the Council Meeting, London. In every case she stated the speakers had stressed the need for Christian missions and the urgency for action in strengthening the Christian message.

Plans were completed for the Presbyterial Training Institute which comes into the North Bay district the first week of December.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. McInnis for the purpose of organizing a Women's Missionary Society in Cooke's Church, **Markdale.** Mrs. Dodds was in the chair. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Fraser of **Dundalk** who explained the work etc. of the Women's Missionary Society. The following officers were elected: President: Mrs. H. B. McInnis: Vice President — Mrs. Thomas Dodds; Recording Secretary — Mrs. J. Crawford: Treasurer — Mrs. Wes. Bell. Supply Secretary — Mrs. G. Kingston. Home Helper Secretaries, Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Tebbutt. Welcome and Welfare Secretaries — Mrs. A. Thompson and Mrs. Laughlin. Library and Literature Secretary — Mrs. W. Alcox. Glad Tidings Secretary — Mrs. Griffith. Mission Band leader — Mrs. Isaac Lemon — Press Reporter — Recording Secretary — Mrs. J. Crawford. These officers were installed by Mrs. Fraser.

Mrs. R. S. Hardy, **Swinton Park,** presided at the Girls' Rally held in **Dundalk** Presbyterian Church. After supper a splendid programme was given. Five took part in a Missionary Story Telling contest, sponsored by Orangeville Presbyterial. The contestants were Esther Park, **South Luther:** Jeanette Lindsay, **Dundalk:** Coral Osland, **Swinton Park:** Nora McCleary, **Grand Valley:** Marion McLenan, **Orangeville.**

Mrs. R. D. Fraser, president of the Orangeville Presbyterial, presented the prizes. First prize was awarded to Coral Osland: second prize — Nora Mcleary: 3rd prize Esther Park.

Swinton Park Auxiliary held their Thank-offering services in the Church, with a good attendance. Visitors present were from **Priceville, Ventry,** and **Dromore.** Mrs. R. S. Hardy conductetd the meeting. Diplomas were presented to five Mission Band members. Guest speaker was Mrs. Willis Hunking, a returned missionary from Nigeria, Africa.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — The Fall Rally of Saugeen Presbyterial was held in the **Durham** Presbyterian Church with Mrs. G. B. Anderson presiding. This meeting did not follow the usual pattern but was a study of the organization side of the work by the analysing of the constitution and bylaws and handbook of the officers. Mrs. John Alexander extended a welcome to the visitors. Mrs. Wallace McGowan, **Durham,** in presenting the treasurer's report, urged the necessity for having all reports in on time. Mrs. Gordon Coutts, **Conn,** gave a report on Synodical Executive Meetings.

Mrs. G. B. Anderson, in her address, gave the highlights of the Council meeting, reporting in particular on Miss Helen Bricker's address. Rev. David K. Perrie, **Dromore,** was the guest speaker for the afternoon session on "What Church Membership Means". It was decided to hold the annual meeting on the second Tuesday in February at **Mount Forest.**

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — An Annual Family Night was held by the **Nashville** Evening Auxiliary of the W.M.S. Mrs. Burbridge, president, presided and led in a Thanksgiving devotional. Dr. McLelland presented colored slides of Scotland. A recreation period was enjoyed by the fifty-five present at this Church family get together.

A gathering of children and adults at Knox Church, **Vaughan,** heard six girls representing mission groups from **Nashville, Bolton** and **Vaughan,** tell missionary stories in a contest that was a follow up to similar contests held within the respective church groups last spring. The interesting and well told stories by each contestant brought honor to her band. They were: Isobel Rutherford, Linda Nattress, Dianne Kitchener, Tineka Mien, Jean Burnfield, Anne Miller. The three judges declared Miss Jean Burnfield the winner and she has been invited to speak at a meeting of West Toronto Presbyterial Executive. Each girl received a book of stories for her contribution to this delightful evening.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, Iroquois, was held in the Church Hall, with guests present from the United and Anglican Church Societies and from **Dixon's Corners** Presbyterian W.M.S. The President, Mrs. J. R. Miller presided and was assisted in the devotional period by Miss Helen Davidson.

The Guest speaker was Mrs. A. D. MacLellan, who chose as her topic "Thankfullness" reminding the group that there are two kinds of thankfulness, one just for ourselves, as the nine lepers were, the other unselfish thankfulness, as the one leper who returned to give thanks to God for his miraculous cure.

Dixon's Corners Annual Thank-offering service was held on a Sunday evening. Rev. A. D. MacLennan, minister of the Church was the guest speaker. It being Reformation Sunday, Mr. MacLennan spoke briefly on the Reformation of the early Protestant Church.

Guests were present from the neighboring congregations of Dixon's Anglican, and **Briston** and **Hainsville** United Churches.

St. Andrew's Church, **Prescott** was the focal point for W.M.S. organizations in the Western portion of Brockville Presbyterial for the Leadership-Training Institutes conducted by four experts. Representatives from congregations at **Lansdowne, Brockville, Spencerville, Mainsville, Kemptville, Cardinal, Iroquois** and **Ventnor** were among those registered.

The classes were conducted by Miss Laura Pelton, Overseas Missions Secretary of the W.M.S. who worked with Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, in training Adult Mission Study groups, while Miss Helen Bricker, National Girls' Work Secretary conducted training classes for Girl's groups and Mrs. J. W. Bell, a former missionary worker, specialized in Children's and Youth work. Rev. Eric Larsen of South Mountain, conducted the devotional exercises preceding the classes.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Training Institute School for leadership was held in Glengarry Presbyterial from October 12th to 15th inclusive. Meetings were held in **Cornwall, Avonmore** and **Lancaster** and were an inspiration to all who were privileged to attend.

Instruction was given to members of various groups by Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary of W.M.S. serving in Ontario and Quebec; Miss Margaret Webster, Organization Secretary, Miss Ada Adams, Children's Work Secretary, and Miss Helen Bricker, National Girl's Work Secretary.

Knox Church, **Vankleek Hill.** It is with deep regret that Knox Church Women's Missionary Society accepted the resignation of Miss Lillie McKenzie, treasurer, after thirty years of faithful and devoted service. As a tribute of their esteem and thankfulness, fellow members are presenting her with the Society Pin.

The Society has lost another valued member, Mrs. G. A. Perry, who has moved to Toronto.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The fall Executive meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Carleton Place.** The President, Mrs. H. Barker of **Smith's Falls,** presided. Representatives were present from twelve auxiliaries.

Encouraging reports were given by the secretaries of the various departments, and by Mrs. B. D. Armstrong of **Cobden,** third Vice President. The Treasurer, Mrs. Culhane of Renfrew reportted an increase in givings over this time last year.

The resignation of Mrs. B. D. Armstrong was read, and accepted with regret. Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong are leaving shortly for their new charge at Port Perry, Ont.

Plans were made for the Annual meeting in January to be held in Pembroke, and also for the Leadership Training Institute, to be held in Arnprior, Pembroke and Perth, the latter part of October.

St. Andrew's Church, **Carleton Place,** was also hostess to the Executive meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical W.M.S. in October. The President, Mrs. W. E. Baker, presided at all sessions. Opening devotions were taken by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta of Ottawa. A minute of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Owen Reid Campbell, an Honorary President, whose death occured in September, and Mrs. Baker paid a fitting tribute to Mrs. Campbell's long and faithful service.

Reports were given by the six Presbyterial presidents and by the departmental secretaries and treasurer, followed by discussion on the encouraging and discouraging factors of the work. Splendid reports of Council Meetings were given by the delegates who had attended, and a report of the Leadership Training Camp held at Lancaster in August.

Rev. A. J. T. Henderson, assistant to the minister of St. Andrew's Church Ottawa, addressed the open evening meeting. Using the text "Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it". Mr. Henderson outlined the history of the growth of the Church and the effect of our times upon it and said that only by a strong Christian way of life can the world be guided into safe channels.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — An open inspirational meeting arranged by the Montreal Presbyterial Board of the W.M.S. was held in Kildonan Hall, the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. The President, Miss Dorothy Coles presided and constituted the meeting with prayer.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Frank Melbourne of the Central American Mission, who gave a most interesting address on his work entitled "Why I believe in Missions" giving six specific reasons.

The twenty-fifth Annual sectional meeting of the South Shore district of Montreal Presbyterial W.M.S. was held in September in **Riverfield,** with a fine attendance. Mrs. I. M. Anderson of Beauharnois, District Vice President presided, and opened the meeting with the call to worship. Miss Dorothy Coles, Presbyterial President, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President spoke very highly of the reports given, and congratulated all the workers in the various groups.

The guest speaker was Mr. Hostetter, student Minister at **Valleyfield.** His title was "Why I believe in Missions."

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — An interesting thanksgiving address was given by Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, Presbyterial President, at the well-attended Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church W.M.S. Auxiliary. The President, Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, presided.

The Kathleen Johnston Auxiliary of Knox Church gave a party for a group of New Canadian girls from Germany. Several songs of their native land were sung by the girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Von Baeyer. These were enjoyed by all. The Rev. Colin F. Miller, Minister of the Church, welcomed the guests, and conducted them through the Church, and Church rooms. Refreshments were served under the convenorship of Miss Marjorie Grendal. Mrs. J. Woodside and Mrs. F. R. Duminy of the Citizenship Committee of the Local Council of Women were also guests.

St. Giles W.M.S. Auxiliary held an interesting Thankoffering meeting when the members were presented with a souvenir made from the wild flowers of Bethlehem, made by Arab children of the area and brought back by Rev. Dr. Logan-Vencta, who recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land. Dr. Logan-Vencta, assisted by Col. C. C. Kruger, showed colored lantern slides taken by himself during his trip, and gave a stirrin gaddress on "The Epic of Christianity".

The President, Mrs. N. T. Allen was honored by the Auxiliary when an honorary membership and pin were presented to her by Dr. and Mrs. Logan-Vencta.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of **Vernon** held its Autumn Thank-offering Service in the Church.

Members of **Winchester** Presbyterian W.M.S. and **Vernon** Baptist and United W.M.S. were guests at the meeting

Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, Presbyterial President, was the guest speaker, giving an inspiring address on "The Growth of the W.M.S." Mrs. Robert Good, Presbyterial Treasurer, spoke on the financial objectives of the W.M.S.

Seventeen members of **Vernon** "Maple Leaf" mission band attended the Presbyterial Mission Band Rally held in St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa, in October.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

NOVEMBER 30th, 1953

Receipts:

Wo-shi-lo Group, Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta "Mrs. Gehman's Work in India"	$ 30.00
A Friend, St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon "Famine Relief in India"	12.00
A Friend "Christian Literature, Mr. Fesenko	2.00
A Friend through Chippawa Auxiliary "Support of Girl, Bhil Field, India"	50.00
A Friend, "Bhil Field"	25.00
Miss Margaret Paterson, Toronto	2.31
A Friend, "Christian Literature"	50.00
Mrs. E. Gibson, Innisfail, Alberta "Mission Work in Formosa"	15.00
Jean Macdougall Guild, Kerrisdale Church "Education of Armor Singh, Bhil Field"	25.00
Birtle Indian School Government Grant	12,808.66
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	8,440.67
Sale of Frigidaire in British Guiana	200.23
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	1,000.00
Supplies	30.00
Alberta	958.36
Supplies	32.00
Manitoba	660.00
Toronto and Kingston	9,199.00
Supplies	23.40
Montreal and Ottawa	4,200.00
Supplies	86.50
	$ 37,850.13

Disbursements:

National Missions:

Chinese in Canada	$ 1,318.28
Hospital Visitors	604.50
Deaconesses	532.49
Children's Centre, Vancouver, Tyndale House	480.90
Port Work	193.91
Van Expense	313.32
New Missionary	150.00
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	430.75

Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	152.90
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,088.02
Birtle, Government Grant	5,047.16
Overseas Missions:	
India:	
Jhansi Field	266.66
Bhil Field	266.66
British Guiana	266.66
Taiwan	285.32
Brazil	500.00
Training of Nationals	103.50
Missionaries Expenses	64.52
Executive Secretary and Stenographic Assistant	472.80
Contingency	4.30
Publications	1,297.06
Administration	1,091.97
Organization	2,300.69
Supplies	1,799.26
Payment from Special Gifts	129.04
Grants	25.00
Hospitalization rates for workers	24.65
Income Tax for workers	13.45
Paid from Missionaries' Salaries as requested	179.00
Insurance and Taxes	40.00
	$ 22,442.77

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Receipts:

Pension and Retirement Fund	
Estate of Mrs. Helen Amelia Cameron, Ottawa "Pension Fund"	$ 1,000.00
Interest	227.25
Legacy Fund	
Sale of Furniture in British Guiana	165.15
Estate of Miss Maud Cameron through St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary, Petrolia	937.36
Estate of Mr. George Mills through Appin Auxiliary	
"Training of Native Workers India"	300.00
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Estate of Mrs. W. J. McMurray through Niagara Falls Presbyterial "Education of Stephen Shih"	300.00
Special Fund	
Sale of car at Cecilia Jeffrey School	75.00
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	$ 3,386.30

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Editorial

ONE of the great struggles going on in the world today is the struggle by various groups to control the adult mind. The Western World wants all men to know the virtues of what is called the democratic way of life. The Eastern World has become subject to a totalitarian system which reaches out to claim the loyalty of people in every nation of the earth. In between, are minor groups, many minor groups all presenting to adults, ideas, ideologies, inspiration, which claim their attention, their study — and possibly their complete devotion to aims and purposes.

There is nothing new in this struggle. It has been going on in varying degrees for thousands of years. The last two thousand years the struggle has been sharpened. Jesus Christ came into the world and showed the way of life by which mankind could have peace on earth and life everlasting. He, being God, showed God's Way for the world He created. The right way and the wrong way were, through the years drawn into sharper contrast as the Christian Gospel spread. Today it would seem that they are at a stage of conflict where one must give way before the other — where the Christian way or the non-Christian way must be the pattern of men's lives.

We of the Western World call ourselves Christian, we believe that Western democracy is based on Christian principles and ideals. But having said that, can we say that the pattern of our national life, truly follows the pattern set by Jesus? Can we say that Christ's Commandments of love for God and for our neighbours are at the centre of our community activity?

We of the Women's Missionary Society are committed to communicating the Gospel of Christ to all the world. The question that has been asked more and more by our members as they view the world about them is: "How can I better serve?" We see the world at our doorstep ignoring Christ; we see the world beyond the seas questioning, yet seeking peace and salvation. Slowly, yet surely it is dawning upon us that as individuals we have a part to play in this great world struggle — but HOW?

How can we communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ? One of the things which came out of the Presbyterian Training Institutes — for the writer at least—was the thought that before we can communicate we must have conviction. Our faith growing out of our study, our communion with God, our experience in Christian living must have such meaning for us that we want to share it with others.

To have such convictions and such faith we must have knowledge —and our knowledge must start with the teachings of God for His people. It must then extend to how the Message of God can be interpreted in our lives and in the lives of those for whom we are responsible. Paul said to the young Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy, 2:15)

Not all of us are students — or want to be — but we assume that all want to be God's servants. If we are faithful in our study of His word, then we will be led from there to study which suits our individual tasks and temperments.

In this issue Dr. A. A. Lowther has written an article which we all should study carefully if we would be certain of the Scriptural basis for Missions — for the very job we are seeking to do. It has been said by some who read the article in manuscript that it would not be popular reading; that our members would never follow it through. That question was debated since some of you have asked for just this type of article. Where are YOU in this debate? Are you prepared, like the young Timothy, to study in order that you may be a "workman who rightly divides the word of Truth?"

In the struggle for the conquest of men's mind we all have a part. We cannot escape for we must choose the way we would follow — there is no in-between-path. Those who have chosen Christ's way have a wealth of resource material which they may study as individuals. Christians have been given rare privileges and great gifts by which to know the Way of the Master. They need only to resolve to use their gifts.

God is making the spring when the snow lies deep,
And the ground is frozen, the winds are chill;
God is shaping the soul when ways are hard;
When challenge comes to each heart and will.
God is making us great in a world, so great,
We can barely glimpse; cannot know the why.
His plan is shaping — we can but trust, and lift our lives
To His purpose high.

Rena Chandler.

Am *I* concerned with Missions?
Must a Christian be Missionary minded?
Whatever you say, the Bible says 'Yes' to these questions.
Dr. Lowther shows us our

AUTHORITY FOR MISSIONS

by REVEREND A. A. LOWTHER, M.A., B.D., D.D.

"I DON'T believe in foreign missions. We ought to make our own country Christian first". This is a statement often made in one form or another by those who criticize missions. What is the answer? Are missions an essential part of Christianity or are they just a fad, a hobby for a minority in the Church? Let us consider what light the Bible throws upon this question. At the very beginning of the Old Testament the Book of Genesis tells us that Abraham was called to be the founder of the Chosen People. At the same time it is evident that he and his descendants were chosen not only to receive special privileges for themselves but also to fulfil God's purposes among all nations. "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3) Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple reaffirms this truth." That all People of the earth may know Thy name to fear Thee as do Thy people Israel." (1 Kings 8:43) The Psalmist likewise declares, "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God" (Psalm 98:3). Isaiah gives the words, "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:9. Compare Habakkuk 2:14) Jeremiah says ,"All the nations shall be gathered . . . to the name of the Lord." (Jeremiah 3:17). One could go on indefinitely quoting passage after passage to show that God was always concerned with other nations besides Israel. However it is not isolated texts that prove the case. These are simply outcroppings here and there, where the underlying truth occasionally comes to the surface. That truth is found wherever you choose to explore the Bible, the truth that God is the God of the whole earth who is concerned with all mankind. Jonah, for instance, was sent to a heathen city to preach to its people. He went reluctantly, yet the city repented. Jonah was disconcerted at this but God was pleased for even the heathen Ninevites were His children too.

One of the greatest events in the history of the Children of Israel was the Exodus, when Moses was sent by God to bring the Chosen People out of slavery to freedom. Just as British people look back to the signing of the Magna Charta as a landmark in their progress, so did all Israelites look back to the escape from Egypt as signal proof of God's goodness to them. Indeed the Passover Feast is observed to this day. Nevertheless, when the nation grew prosperous and disobedient, acting as if it were God's pampered favourite, Amos rebuked such presumption. He declared that God cared for the children of the Ethiopians who were black as well as for the children of Israel, that He had not only brought Israel out of Egypt but also brought their heathen enemies, the Philistines, from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir where they had been imprisoned. (Amos 9:7,) Thus, eight centuries before Christ, the prophets were resisting the idea that God was concerned with one nation alone and plainly teaching God's concern for other lands too.

Another great event in the history of God's people was the Exile when the king and the leading families of Judah were carried off to Babylon. In 586 B.C. Jerusalem was destroyed and the glorious Temple of Solomon laid waste by a heathen conqueror. This fearful disaster stunned the Jews. They had lost the land God gave to them. They had lost the place where they worshipped Him. Many also lost their faith. Then came a new revelation through the prophets of God who declared that even the exile was part of His plan. In this plan Israel was the servant of the nations. As a servant she must know humiliation and suffering but she also had something precious to give to them. "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6.) The wonderful fifty-third chapter of Isaiah is the climax of this teaching. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities." (Verse 5) The passage is often read at our Communion Service, so marvellously is it fulfilled in Christ. It was written first, however, to help God's people to see their missionary responsibility.

New Testament Teaching

When the Son of God came to earth in human form, He was born into a Jewish home and lived as a Jew. The scriptures of the Old Testament formed the basis of His constant study and meditation. He continually quoted them as authority for His actions. One instance of this is at the cleansing of the Temple when He used the words of Isaiah. "My house shall be called an house of prayer for all nations." (Mark 11:17. Margin) At the same time, however, He said it was also His mission to fulfil the older teaching. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, "He declared in the Sermon on the Mount," but I say unto you . . ." One of the old truths which he filled full was the teaching that, while salvation is of the Jews, it is for all mankind. Therefore, although the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans, when He went into Samaria He talked with the woman by the well, revealing to her precious truth. (John 4:10) On another occasion he met the Syrophenician woman, a Gentile and a heathen, and honoured her faith (Mark 7:26) He also received the Greeks who were introduced to Him by Andrew and Philip (John 12:20-22) and He complied with the request made to Him by the Roman centurion. (Matthew 8:5) He was sent especially to the lost sheep of the House of Israel but He recognized no barriers of nationality. The well-known verse in John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Eternal life is for all men because God's love is for all men. The command of Christ to the disciples, after His death and resurrection was, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) This command was consistent with Our Lord's own example and T. R. Glover says that for fifty years before the words were written, the early Christians had been acting on this principle.

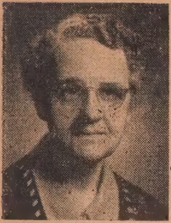
The Need For an Apostolic Church

"To become conscious of its apostolic character is for the Church the surest way to take hold of its real essence and substance." So writes Hendrik Kraemer. What does he mean by apostolic character? Surely it is the character of the apostles themselves. Brought up in the tradition of narrow, exclusive, Jewish nationalism, they nevertheless became missionary-minded. For example Grecian Jews were among the first converts to Christianity. Some of these "Helenists" were appointed as the first deacons of the Church. One of them was Philip who preached faith to the hated Samaritans, then converted a black man, the treasurer of Ethiopia. A little later Peter was divinely guided to accept into the faith Cornelius, a Roman centurion. When Paul, the greatest of the apostles, took up the task, we find a strict Pharisee transformed into an apostle to the Gentiles. "There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free but Christ is all and in all," he wrote. (Colossians 3:11)

If we are to become "apostolic" in the true sense of that word we also must allow the Spirit of God to lead us out from our own narrow nationalistic and racial prejudices. George Adam Smith quotes the historian Lecky as saying, "Whatsoever widens the imagination, enabling it to realize the actual experience of other men, is a powerful agent of ethical advance." It is a powerful agent of religious advance too. Therefore when someone says that, before sending missionaries abroad we should make our own country Christian first, he ignores one of the central principles of our faith. The Master never told His followers to make their own land Christian first. He evidently told them to use it as a base for making connection with as many other places as possible because this is what they did. If the apostles had insisted on converting everyone in Jerusalem first, the gospel would never have got beyond that city and Britons would still be heathen. Moreover, supposing everyone in Canada did become Christian, would that affect our message to non-Christians? Would we then preach Canada instead of Christ? There is only one gospel of salvation. That gospel is not altered either by our rejection of it or by our acceptance of it. It is rather strange too that, while the western Church is timid in its programme for converting Eastern peoples to Christianity, western business-men are carrying out an aggressive and effective campaign to convert the East to a desire for Dunlop tires, Singer sewing-machines, Massey-Harris ploughs, European-type cigarettes, American moving-pictures and Scotch whiskey. They know it is not good business to restrict their efforts to developing home consumption only and ignoring the demand abroad. The Christian Church possesses the most valuable commodity of all. Old Testament and New Testament alike teach that it is entrusted unto us not for ourselves alone but that we may share it as widely as possible. May the Church built upon the prophets and apostles cultivate the outlook of the prophets and apostles in the service of Him who said, "Go ye into all the world."

Only by treading in His steps
The all-compelling ways of Love,
Shall earth be won, and man made one
With that great Love above.

John Oxenham.



Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A Planned Presentation

The Overseas Committee, in consultation and co-operation with the Editorial Committee, is undertaking for 1954 a planned presentation of overseas work. There are special reasons why we are undertaking this type of presentation.

1. We are anxious to help the readers of *The Glad Tidings* see the missionary movement as it actually operates today;

2. We are equally concerned that our women shall become aware of the total missionary movement throughout the world;

3. As a Committee we are convinced that all of us need to face again the missionary work of the Church in terms of the Scriptural imperative;

4. We decided to seek from some of our missionaries overseas fresh and new articles with some specific emphases which will fit in with this over-all presentation.

We would like to draw your attention to Dr. A. A. Lowther's article — Authority for Missions. We feel that he has done much toward setting us on our way at this fundamental and basically important starting point.

L.K.P.

OVERSEAS NEWS FLASHES

Missionaries Who Will be on Furlough in 1954

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., will arrive in Canada the end of 1953 and will be in Canada for the full year of 1954.

Miss Marion Williamson and Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., will arrive in Canada from India late spring or early summer.

Miss Irene Stringer hopes to arrive in Canada for Christmas, 1954.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., will be continuing her studies for her B.Sc. in nursing.

Miss Reaveley has been granted leave of absence from our staff for a period of two years, when she expects to return to India.

Missionaries on Institutes

Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Hazel Reaveley and Miss E. M. Magee will have completed their work on the Institute teams by December 5th. Reports coming in indicate that they have made a valuable and interesting contribution to the work of the teams. One comment from one of our missionaries should give us cause for some concern. She believes that the members of the Women's Missionary Society are not sufficiently familiar with our overseas personnel and their work as to enable them to give the support in thought and prayer that the missionaries so sadly need in order that they may do their best work.

Miss Hermanson on Deputation

We expect Miss Hermanson will be available for some deputation work in 1954 as planned by the Deputation Committee of the Council Executive. She will not be available for spot meetings of individual groups because we could never cover our field in this way, but we certainly hope to enable her to make a very worthwhile and real impact upon our constituency.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., will be speaking at several Presbyterial Annual Meetings in the East, taking part in the remaining Institutes, and then we hope she will be available for Western Synodicals.

Miss Hazel Macdonald's Women's Groups

Miss Hazel Macdonald, B.A., reports interesting meetings with the women's organization in Taiwan. They have their difficulties, but through them all the indications are that before too long there ought to be an organization of women which will be a going concern.

Miss Kennedy on Further Deputation

Miss Margaret Kennedy's furlough has been extended by four months that she may do further deputation work in Canada. We hope that Miss Kennedy will be at the three Eastern Synodical Annual Meetings and that there will be opportunity for her to present the claims of the Church's mission to many groups other than those of the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Kennedy will take her course at Selly Oak, England, in the autumn rather than in the spring.

Miss Magee Plans Study

Miss Edith Magee, B.A., spent Christmas at her home in Squamish, B.C. and will be returning to Toronto early in January where she will remain until time for returning to India. She will be studying at the University and the Canadian School of Missions.

Impact among Bhil People

Report comes from one of our missionaries in India that some non-Christian officials are becoming disturbed over the impact of our missionaries upon the life of the people in the Bhil area. One official fears that if something is not done the first thing they know the Bhils will be all Christian. Perhaps this is one of the highest tributes that could be paid to our mission to the Bhils.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

An all – India conference on the Christian Home and Family Life was held recently at Nagpur under the auspices of the National Christian Council of India. More than fifty delegates attended, from fourteen language areas and regional Christian Councils. They discussed challenges to the Christian conception of marriage, social and economic problems, facing the Christian family, marriage counselling and family planning, and a Christian home programme for the next three years.

The following article by Miss Dorothy Douglas gives us a factual picture of life in the Girls' School at Tamsui. Miss Douglas has chosen to depict one of their winter days and in so doing has pointed up some of the discomforts of living in the School and also in the missionaries' bungalow.

Of course all the days are not like this. February can be a beautiful month even though they are apt to have considerable rain. Usually by the middle of March it begins to get warm and again one sees Taiwan in all its beauty and sunshine. The summer months can be quite hot and very humid.

L.K.P.

A Day in the Girls' School, Tamsui

by DOROTHY DOUGLAS

WHEN we got up in the morning it was raining — the thin, relentless rain that had been falling for ten days. Our bed-rooms were cold and the dining room was cold and even the electric heater, our only source of warmth, made little impression. Breakfast was a hurried, silent meal for we all had to be at school by ten minutes to eight. The back hall of our house seemed to be full of people waiting to speak to one or other of us but we finally got out of the house in time. At the school gate, we could see the day pupils coming up from the station, splashing through the mud and water on the road. The train must have been a little late. Fortunately almost all the girls had raincoats and rubber boots, but some of them had been over two hours on the way and had gone to the station while it was still dark.

The school-yard was almost covered with water — even the tennis court — so we couldn't have the flag-raising. In the school everyone was shivering and instead of saying, "Good morning", the greeting was "Isn't it cold?" The pupils had so many sweaters on under their uniforms that they looked fat and pudgy and most of them had colds. It had been cold like this for days and with no fires any place it was almost impossible for them to get warm.

I walked out to the gymnasium with the Principal for the morning worship service before classes. On the way he said, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a dormitory that would house all the three hundred girls? Then they wouldn't have to come so far on a cold morning like this." I said, "They wouldn't be so tired either and could do better work but do you think they would all come to live in the school?" The Principal said he thought most of them would if it were comfortable and not as crowded as now. It was time for worship then and as it was Monday, which was my day, I went up to lead the service. One of the teachers made several announcements in Mandarin and then the girls all filed out to their classrooms and school began. (The girls are all very keen to learn English but it is so difficult that progress sometimes seems very slow.)

I had classes for two hours and was glad for the second break when we had tea, which was most welcome on this cold, rainy day. After tea, while I was walking along the corridors I noticed the girls coming from their physical training class and was glad to see they appeared more cheerful and their faces were quite red after the exercise. We are fortunate to have a gymnasium for the girls are very fond of physical training. After teaching my third period I went over to the kindergarten on my way home to see the children. While that is not my field I always enjoy watching them. They were quite lively that day in spite of the cold.

By the time I got home it had stopped raining and everything appeared more hopeful. The kitchen in the bungalow was the only warm room in the house so I stopped by the stove for a while to get warm.

After lunch we had a little time before going back to school to prepare our lesson for the Bible Classes to be held that afternoon. We had to teach first, but the seventh period all the girls were divided into different groups for Bible study. These periods are voluntary so a few girls went home, but when the members were counted 240 had remained. As over half the teachers are Christian the pupils can be divided into fairly small groups which makes it easier to teach. On the day the Principal takes Bible study the day pupils all remain. They appear to be very interested.

In June there is a communicants' class for the girls who wish to become members of the church. Last year about 30 became communicant members.

On my way to the bungalow after the last period of the day I was interested to find the girls had their usual outside-class activities. Some were diligently busy at their home-work, others strenuously practising basket-ball. By the way, our team holds the championship for all Formosa so they work hard to hold their reputation. It had commenced to rain again and the chief topic of conversation was "when will it stop?"

At home in the bungalow we lighted a fire in the fire-place and all huddled up to it for tea. After tea I began to prepare for the evening worship. This service is held every night for the girls in the dormitory and all the teachers take turns.

Before long a Bible woman came in with a problem to discuss and there was another interruption before 6:30 when it was time to go back to the school for worship.

The girls had had their supper and most of them were wearing coats; it was still cold. There had been some red in the western sky before the sun went down and now a few stars could be seen between the clouds so we were more hopeful.

After worship one of the teachers walked with me to the gate and we discussed a problem which had come up. After supper the Principal came over to discuss a few things he intended to bring up at the teachers' meeting and to make plans for the teachers' prayer meeting in the evening at our house.

And so the day ended, with everyone tired but hopeful not only for a fine day on the morrow but for the continued well being of the school as all strove to deepen the Christian influence in the dormitory and over the day pupils as well. It is thus that we endeavour to bring the pupils out of the darkness of fear and superstition i[illegible] the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lord of the quiet heart who knew the sound
Of raging streets with anger loud,
Yet walked serene in faith that saw
Beyond the blindness of the crowd —
Help us to find the even way
Through all the clamour of this day.

Arthur Wallace Peach.

The Deaconess at Work

Beginning a series of brief presentations of the work being done by Deaconesses working under the National Department.

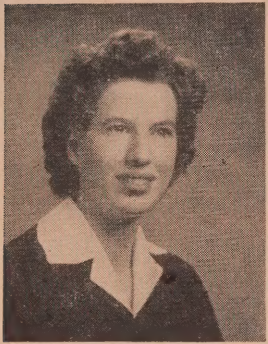
The work of our Women's Missionary Society is carried on at home and abroad by Women who are called to the full-time service of the Christian Church.

We are all familiar with the term "deaconess" as applied to members of staff. The term is not one which is used lightly. Those who rightly bear the title are women who have been trained in the work of the Church. They are graduates of The Missionary and Deaconess Training School but more than that, a deaconess is one who is designated into the order of Deaconesses by Presbytery under the authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The National Committee of the Women's Missionary Society directs the work of deaconesses in a wide range of activity in Canada. It is the hope of the Committee to bring each part of this work before the readers of The Glad Tidings in the months to come.

Miss Margaret Allan,
Deaconess in Hamilton

THE PRESBYTERIAN DEACONESSES WORKING IN CITIES



Miss Winnifred Ripley,
Deaconess in Sudbury

From the heading you will gather that the Women's Missionary Society deaconess works in co-operation with the general work of the Church. A Presbyterian deaconess is one who works under the direction of the Presbytery in which she is located.

The Society has three deaconesses working in cities under the direction of Presbytery. Miss Margaret Allan is in Hamilton; Miss Winnifred Ripley, in Sudbury, and Miss Florence Goertzen in Calgary. These ladies carry on a general type of work . They assist congregations in the organization of groups such as Mission Bands, Girls' groups, Adult groups. They visit in hospitals and among the congregations in the cities. In some places they are doing extensive work in the city – calling at homes in new housing areas to ascertain the need for the services of the Presbyterian Church.

In short they do an all-round job of Home Mission work and Christian education.

In subsequent issues we hope to show the work a deaconess does in Canada's rural areas in institutional work; at the Port; in hospitals; in Chinese work; in organizational and administrative work.

Miss Florence Goertzen,
Deaconess in Calgary

ATTENTION!

Conveners and Members of Nominating Committees Synodical and Presbyterial

Numerous enquiries are received from time to time from Nominating Committees of Presbyterials and Synodicals as to their initial duties. This information, therefore, is published in the hope that it may be of help to those who serve on these Committees.

FACTS TO REMEMBER:

1. **At the end of each year all elected Officers are out of office.**
2. It is advisable to ask the present officers if they are willing to allow their names to stand for re-election. This information may then be furnished to all groups entitled to nominate.
3. A blank list of *all Offices* should be sent to the groups nominating, even though several of the officers may be willing to stand for re-election. This fact does not preclude the right of a group to nominate someone else.
4. The bodies with authority to nominate as the by-laws now stand are:

In Synodicals:

1. The Presbyterial Executives.
2. The Nominating Committee.

In Presbyterials:

1. The Presbyterial Executive.
2. Each group within the Presbyterial.
3. The Nominating Committee.

(See Constitution and By-Laws, pages 6-7, III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE)

Further information will be given if requested.

Helen M. Horne,
Corresponding Secretary.

Among the first and greatest conditions of good work are these:
A high standard of accuracy,
A chivalrous loyalty to exact truth,
Generosity to fellow workers,
Indifference to personal results,
Distrust of all that is showy,
Self-discipline and undiscouraged patience through all difficulties.

Bishop Francis Paget

"A SYMBOL OF THE UNITY OF ALL CHRISTIANS"

by ERNESTINE R. WHITESIDE

Miss Whiteside, Editor of the Baptist LINK AND VISITOR tells the story of Miss Sarah Chalkko, Principal of Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India — Writer of the World Day of Prayer Service for 1954.

SARAH CHAKKO was born in 1905, one of ten children of a Christian family belonging to the Syrian Orthodox Church. Her mother is a woman of serenity, poise and warm family affection, whose habit of reading the Bible aloud greatly influenced her children. Her father was a public spirited government official, devoted to his Church, and holding a position of prestige in the community. The children had a singularly sturdy upbringing, being trained to discipline themselves by means of a court of which one was elected judge. The only punishment not carried out by themselves was that of a caning, which was referred to the parents. The home was large and hospitable with many guests coming and going; the ample grounds with their flowers and fruit provided a happy place for play. Without artificial entertainment, their creative imaginations devised their own fun. The Church had no Sunday School, so the children had their own. An older sister was teacher until she went to college when she sent material back to Sarah, who became teacher at the age of eleven. The only share taken by the parents seems to have been to appear as honoured guests at the annual S.S. tea party and drama. From earliest childhood, it will be seen, every influence was brought to bear that made for a strongly independent, vigorous, creative and generous-spirited character. All the brothers and sisters "are making notable contributions in their respective spheres."

The sisters attended the local Hindu government school for high-caste girls until they were ready for college. Sarah went to St. Mary's College, Madras, where her spiritual life was deepened by the inspiring influence of a devout principal. When she graduated in 1925 at the age of twenty, as the other girls were telling of their hopes and plans for the future, and she knew that her family desired her marriage, she suddenly realized that she wanted to be an educator. Twenty-five years later she was inaugurated as president of Isabella Thoburn College.

Her first two years of teaching were in the long-established Bentinck High School, Madras, of which she says:

"I believe God took a hand in my affairs, for the principal was one of the most progressive in India . . . Every night at dinner we had an informal discussion on various educational methods; in the daytime I had my practical training in dealing with teen-age girls."

The third year was a difficult one helping to start a girls' school in Travancore, a project of her father's. She returned to study, taking her M.A. in 1930, and then joined the faculty of Isabella Thoburn College, where she advanced from one position to another. Her first sabbatical year was spent at the University of Chicago, where she took another Master's degree in education. The next year on a scholarship she studied international law and colonialism at the University of Michigan. Her second sabbatical leave was spent working on Madras judicial records. The third was to have been given to theology, but was taken in an unexpected way. All this study had an intensely practical objective. She wished to clarify her thinking on great world problems and India's relation to them. But she was never a cloistered student. Hers was a companionable, wholesome, well rounded life of many interests. She excelled in sports, loving the games for their own sake, but equally for the companionship they established with her students, which she knew was invaluable.

From her first year at "I.T." she saw the value of the Student Christian Movement for Indian students and worked in it, becoming later chairman of the S.C.M. of India, Burma and Ceylon for six years. This led to a prominent part in the World's Student Christian Federation and conferences in the East Indies, the U.S.A., China and Ceylon. In 1947 she was made a vice-president of the World's Y.W.C.A.

That same year she chaired the committee that organized the Delhi School of Social Work, a graduate school affiliated with Delhi University.

The sabbatical year that was to have been given to theology, as said before, took a different turn. In 1948 she found herself a delegate to the first assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam and a speaker at a plenary evening session. Her ability was so clearly demonstrated that she was made chairman of the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Churches. For two years she travelled widely in Europe and on this continent and the results of the labours of this Commission, edited by Dr. Kathleen Bliss, recently appeared in book form under the title 'The Service and Status of Women in the Churches." January 31, at the Canadian School of Missions in Toronto, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada sponsored a meeting at which four of our Canadian women who had been present at Amsterdam brought a report. Miss Dorothy Young of the United Church reported on the sessions of that committee and told of the extremely able chairmanship of Miss Chakko, of her spirited firmness in opposing certain Pauline attitudes on the part of Dr. Karl Barth as to the place of women, of her disarming manner, and her charming appearance in her pink sari, so that she won the hearts of all.

In her capacity of president of a college Miss Chakko combines rare qualities to a high degree. She is unyielding in what she considered essentials, but her firmness is tempered with compassion and she is skillful in finding solutions for difficult situations. She has said that her chief aim for the college can best be expressed in Jesus' words: "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." We quote this extract from Mr. Ehrensperger's article:

"Sarah Chakko's staff share the respect the students have for her. The principal has the same salary and the same living conditions in the faculty house as the youngest permanent teacher. Her openness of character, and her warmth in personal relationships make her a good comrade. Her light touch and sweetness of nature are attractive to all. It is her faculty housemates who have the best chance to see the source of her power as revealed in nightly family prayers; it is they who are most conscious of her compassion . . . The school is a community where the Christian witness is borne not only by the spoken word, but even more by day to day living."

This brief sketch of an outstanding Christian woman leader, now in the fullness of her powers, only makes us wish for an adequate biography. But perhaps what we realize most as we read is how slight after all are the geographical and racial differences that often seem to set up insuperable barriers between nations, and how great is the unifying bond of the Christian faith throughout the world. When we share in the service written in India by Sarah Chakko, March 5, 1954, we shall not be thinking of it as a "message from one country to another" but of the way the World Day of Prayer speaks of common needs . . . nor will we be thinking of Sarah Chakko as an Indian woman, but as "a symbol of the unity of all Christians". How completely Sarah Chakko visualizes the unity of the Christian Church throughout the world is seen in these words which she used on another occasion and with which we close:

"I think we make a great mistake when we let the conceptions of the secular world, especially ideas of nationalism, affect our ideas about the Church. In the sight of God His Church is one. We ought to see the Church as the New Testament sees her, as a unit, not in bits and pieces . . . when one begins to think of the Church as the body of those who love the Lord, and not superiority-inferiority attitudes disappear. There is no giving and receiving, there is only the using of God's gifts to each to the maximum advantage of all."

Note: For material this sketch is indebted to an article by Harold Ehrensperger in "The Christian Century" of March 11, 1953.

AN INDIAN POET'S PRAYER FOR HIS COUNTRY

Written many years ago by Rabindranath Tagore

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow
 domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depths of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary
 desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and
 action —
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

Notice is hereby given that the following re-draft of the By-Laws, including changes, will be considered at the Council Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 10th-May 14th, 1954.

NOTE: Proposed changes in Constitution are being prepared and will be forwarded to the synodicals according to *Section XI. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION* found on page 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws. Changes in Constitution must be approved by the General Assembly. Any changes in By-Laws here published which are based on change in Constitution would not, therefore, become effective until after the approval of the General Assembly has been granted.

BY-LAWS

I. Conduct of Business:

AUXILIARIES (ADULT OR GIRLS')

1. The Auxiliary shall meet regularly during the year for the purpose of becoming informed about the Society's work at home and abroad; they shall have a service of worship at each meeting.

2. REPORTS: Each Auxiliary Secretary shall be responsible for preparing an accurate tabulated and written report, forwarding these to the corresponding departmental Secretary of the Presbyterial *not later than December* 31*st.*

3. The Auxiliary shall present a report of its work to the congregational annual meeting.

4. The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary shall be held in time that the reports and names of the newly elected officers may reach the Presbyterial Executive *not later than December* 31*st.*

5. The officers shall be President, Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers as may be deemed necessary, such as Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Glad Tidings Secretary, Literature Secretary and Associate Membership Secretary.

The term of office of the President shall not exceed four consecutive years.

6. The Executive of the Auxiliary shall consist of its elected Officers. The Executive shall have power to transact business requiring attention between the regular meetings of the Auxiliary.

It is the responsibility of the Executive to supervise the work of the various officers. Where certain offices are not filled the Executive must assume the responsibility for carrying out the work of these offices and reporting such to Presbyterial.

7. No Auxiliary shall divert its funds to objects other than those covered by the estimates of the Society. Each Auxiliary shall have an Expense Fund separate from the regular contributions for missions.

AFFILIATED GROUP: (ADULTS OR C.G.I.T.)

1. Affiliated groups shall include in their programmes regular mission study. They shall contribute regularly to the funds of the Society.

2. REPORTS: Each Affiliated group shall report its membership and missionary contributions to the corresponding departmental Secretary of the Presbyterial *not later than December 31st.*

CHILDREN'S GROUPS:

1. Children's groups (Mission Bands and Explorers) shall meet regularly during the year for study, worship and work. They shall contribute regularly to the funds of the Society.

2. REPORTS: Each group shall report its membership, missionary contributions and activities to the Children's Department Secretary of the Presbyterial *not later than December 31st.*

PRESBYTERIALS:

1. The Presbyterial shall endeavour in every way to further the Society's work and promote the organization of new branches within its bounds.

2. REPORTS: Each Presbyterial departmental Secretary shall be responsible for securing from the corresponding Auxiliary Secretary a tabulated and written report of the year's work. From these she shall prepare an accurate tabulated and written report and forward these to the corresponding departmental Secretary of the Synodical *not later than January 20th.*

3. The Presbyterial shall present a report of its work to the Presbytery annually.

4. The Presbyterial shall meet annually, *not later than February 28th,* at such place as may be determined.

5. The officers of the Presbyterial shall be President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The term of office for the President shall not exceed four consecutive years.

6. The Executive of the Presbyterial shall consist of all elected officers and ex-officio members (i.e. Presidents of Auxiliaries and Affiliated groups, leaders of Girls' groups and Children's groups). The number of Executive meetings shall be determined by each Presbyterial — one meeting to be held at the time of the Annual Meeting.

7. The Executive shall appoint a Sub-Executive of not more than seven members who shall be drawn from the *elected* officers of the

Presbyterial, and shall include the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Sub-Executive shall have power to transact any business which shall arise between the meeting of the Executive and *to pass the Annual Reports* in order that they may reach the Synodical Executive *not later than January 20th.*

8. There shall be a Finance Committee *elected at the Annual Meeting,* the Treasurer to be the Convener.

SYNODICALS:

1. The Synodical shall carry out the recommendations of *Council.* It shall in every way endeavour to further the Society's work within its bounds.

2. REPORTS: Each Synodical departmental Secretary shall be responsible for securing an accurate tabulated and written report from the corresponding departmental Secretary of each Presbyterial within the Synodical. From these she shall prepare a tabulated and written report to be forwarded to the corresponding departmental Secretary of the Society *not later than February 20th.*

3. The Synodical shall present a report of its work to the Synod annually.

4. The Synodical shall meet annually, *not later than April 30th,* at such place as may be determined.

5. The officers of the Synodical shall be President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The term of office for the President shall not exceed four consecutive years.

6. The Executive of the Synodical shall consist of all elected officers and ex-officio members (i.e. the President of each Presbyterial)

The Executive shall hold at least two business meetings a year, one of which shall be at the time of the Annual Meeting.

7. The Executive shall appoint a Sub-Executive of not more than seven members who shall be drawn from the elected officers and shall include the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Sub-Executive shall have power to transact any business which shall arise between meetings of the Executive and *to pass the Annual Reports* in order that they may reach the Council Executive *not later than February 20th.*

8. There shall be a Finance Committee *elected at the Annual Meeting,* the Treasurer to be the Convener.

COUNCIL:

1. The Council shall receive the Annual Report of its Executive; shall take into consideration the interests and requirements of the whole Society, pass all estimates for the work; and transact any other business which the interests of the Society may demand.

2. The term of office for the President of the Society shall not exceed four consecutive years.

II. Representation to Annual Meetings:

1. PRESBYTERIALS:

(a) Elected delegates (i.e. one delegate from each adult group, one leader or one delegate from the girls' organizations in each congregation, and one leader from the children's department in each congregation)

(b) The Presbyterial Executive (i.e. all elected officers and ex-officio members)

2. SYNODICALS:

(a) Elected delegates from the Presbyterials — the number from each Presbyterial to be determined at the Synodical Annual Meeting.

(b) The Synodical Executive (i.e. all elected officers and ex-officio members)

3. COUNCIL:

(a) Elected delegates from each Synodical (i.e. one-other than the President — from each Synodical Executive, and one from each Presbyterial, nominated by the Presbyterial but *elected at the Synodical Annual Meeting.)*

(b) Council Executive — all elected members and ex-officio members (i.e. Synodical Presidents, the Executive Staff of the Society, the executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and the Home executive Secretary and Overseas executive Secretary of the General Board of Missions.

(c) The Chairman of each of the following: Board of Administration, Board of Christian Education, the Board of Evangelism and Social Action and the General Board of Missions.

NOTE: In the event that the Synodical President, *for valid reasons,* is unable to attend the Council Meeting, the Synodical Sub-Executive shall have power to appoint the 1st or 2nd Vice-President as a delegate to Council in her place.

III. Election of Officers:

1. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

(a) *Auxiliaries:* The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be from the Executive. These shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and shall meet at the close of the meeting to appoint its Convener.

(b) *Presbyterials:* The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be from the Sub-Executive. These shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall meet at the close of the Presbyterial Annual Meeting and elect its Convener.

(c) *Synodicals:* The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be from the Sub-Executive. These shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall meet at the close of the Synodical Annual Meeting and elect its Convener.

(d) *Council Executive:* The Nominating Committee shall be composed of twelve members of Council Executive, seven of whom shall be the Synodical Presidents. The Convener shall be one of the five members resident in Toronto. The Committee shall meet at the time of the Council Meeting.

2. DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

(a) *Auxiliaries:* The Nominating Committee shall be charged with the responsiblility of seeking suitable people to fill all the offices of the Auxiliary and present a slate to the Annual Meeting for election. No name shall be presented to the Annual Meeting unless the consent of the person has been secured.

(b) *Presbyterials:* The Nominating Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of seeking suitable people to fill all the offices of the Presbyterial and present a slate to the Annual Meeting for election. No name shall be presented to the Annual Meeting unless the consent of the person has been secured.

When a vacancy occurs during the year it shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to present one or more names to the Executive, the Executive having the power to make the selection.

(c) *Synodicals:* The Nominating Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of seeking suitable people to fill all the offices of the Synodical and present a slate to the Annual Meeting for election. No name shall be presented to the Annual Meeting unless the consent of the person has been secured.

When a vacancy occurs during the year it shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to present one or more names to the Executive, the Executive having the power to make the selection.

(d) *Council Executive: The* Nominating Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of presenting a slate of officers to the Annual Meeting for election.

When a vacancy occurs on Council Executive during the year, it shall be the responsibility of the members of the Nominating Committee resident in Toronto to present to the Council Executive for decision the name of one or more persons. The Nominating Committee, resident in Toronto, shall also have the responsibility of suggesting the names of those who might be asked to become members of Council Executive.

NOTE: *for Synodicals and Presbyterials*

Nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting will be accepted providing the consent of the nominee has been secured.

If there should be more than one name for an office election shall be by ballot.

IV. Duties of Officers:

The duties of officers shall be such as set out in the Society's HANDBOOK FOR OFFICERS.

V. Business to Council:

Any Auxiliary of the Society having business to bring before Council shall present the same in writing at its Presbyterial Annual Meeting. If approved by a two-thirds vote it shall be transmitted to *Council Executive* through the *Synodical Executive,* with comment, *not later than April* 1*st* for presentation to the Annual Council Meeting.

VI. Changes of By-Laws:

These By-Laws may be altered only after a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present at a regularly constituted Council Meeting, notice in writing having been given to the Council Executive and published in the Society's magazine three months before the said meeting.

WITH SYMPATHY

Members of the Women's Missionary Society wish to extend sympathy to members of the Staff and to a former member of the Staff who has suffered bereavement recently.

To Miss Margaret Webster, Executive Director of Organization, we extend sympathy on the loss of her father, Reverend G. Carlyle Webster. Mr. Webster, for many years Minister of the Zion Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., had recently moved to Wallacetown, Ontario. He died there November 20 after a brief illness.

To Miss Margaret Allan, Deaconess in Hamilton, we extend sympathy in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Isabel Dallachie, who died suddenly January 6.

To Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall, we extend sympathy in the loss of her husband, Reverend Herman O. T. Burkwall, who died after a brief illness October 26. Mrs. Burkwall is the former Ethel Reid, who was a missionary of our Society in China. Mr. and Mrs. Burkwall were living in Edmonton where Mr. Burkwall was working with the British Foreign Bible Society.

Prayer

OUR Father and our God, we come to Thee acknowledging our own unworthiness to approach Thee. We thank Thee that Thou has provided a way to the Throne of Grace through Jesus Christ our Saviour. In His name we draw nigh to Thee with humility and reverence.

We confess we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have not always trusted in Thy love. Forgive us as we turn to Thee with penitent hearts.

Give us courage of heart to discern our own faithlessness and selfishness. Teach us by Thy spirit to be more worthy disciples.

We thank Thee that Thou hast commanded us to share the Gospel Message with all the world and for the privilege of being co-workers with Thee. When we become discouraged may we remember that thou hast promised to be with us always. We pray Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us filling each one with a sincere longing to be used in the great task of declaring the Gospel of Salvation to every task and courage for every responsibility.

We ask Thee, our Father, to bless the work of our Women's Missionary Society. We than Thee for the task Thou hast given us to do. We thank Thee for our Missionaries who are carrying the message of Peace and Good Will across the seas and to the isolated places in our own homeland. May we at home do our part that they may feel that our sympathy and prayers are with them in their work.

We beseech Thee to lighten the burdens of all those who are suffering from cold and hunger and international uncertainty. We pray for our Country. May our Dominion be a land of freedom. "May justice flow down like rivers and righteousness as a mighty stream." May the Peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

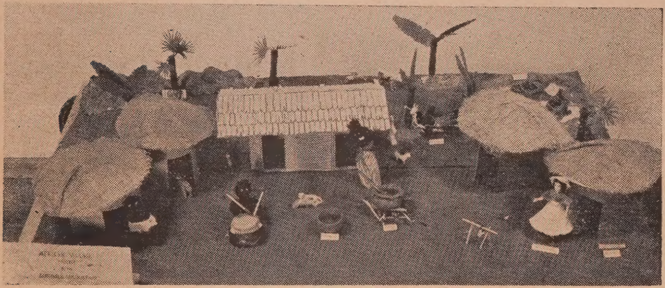
We ask it in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Suggestions for Mission Band and Explorer Leaders

Learning By Doing

The project pictured below was done by
Mrs. J. H. MacLaren and her mission band



AFRICAN VILLAGE

It was a thrill to receive the above picture of a minature African village which was made by the Barrie Mission Band. Take a good look at it. Don't you love the gay, young missionary standing beside a hut? Notice the lake in an upper corner with the canoes on the shore, and see the African in the hammock.

Wouldn't you be proud to have your group — Mission Band or Explorers — do something similiar? What other groups have done you and your children could do.

We asked the leader to tell us about their planning, the materials used, the making of the various articles and the response of the children. This is her reply in part:

> "The boys did the huts using old suit boxes and potato bags. They made the plasticine articles — the animals, canoes, and cooking utensils. The girls made the African family out of black stockings. They made the trees too. They were all touched up a bit and given the finishing touches by our assistant leader.

We had three work meetings that were lots of fun and we learned about Africa while having fun. I was able to refer to various things in the village in ensuing study periods and they knew exactly what I was talking about. It gave them a sense of pride in their achievement when our village was set up in the vertibule of the Church for the congregation to see. Our Church members were impressed when they saw how much could be accomplished with a group of children. Now that the children have successfully accomplished this work I believe they feel this way. 'Well, what are we going to do this year? I can hardly wait to find out'. So I suppose it is now up to me to get busy".

We may be sure an interesting project will be found. Maybe they will make a movie, a centre for worship, or a picture map as suggested in the study packet "Many Hands in Many Lands".

LILY M. MACARTHUR.

PRESBYTERIAN TRAINING INSTITUTES — 1954

The Presbyterian Training Institutes were held in thirty-seven Presbyteries across Canada in the fall of 1953. One Presbytery did not have the Training Team. The remaining five of the forty-three in the Western Division of the Women's Missionary Society are holding their sessions in January and February. The Niagara Presbytery had a Training Team January 11 - 15th.

The following are the dates for:

Guelph — Feburary 1 - 5th; Hamilton — February 22 - 26th, Toronto East — February 8 - 12th; Toronto West — February 22 - 26th .

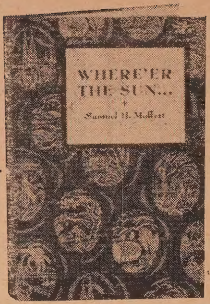
Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

"Jesus shall reign WHERE'ER
THE SUN
Does his successive journeys run."

BY this time there will be those in many auxiliaries who are preparing to present "Flight Around the World" from the overseas part of A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY. To them the book WHERE'ER THE SUN will be very familiar. We sincerely hope that WHERE'ER THE SUN will be more than a source book for a couple of auxiliary meetings. We hope that every member will read the book and see that all her friends read it.

Dr. Samuel H. Moffett, the author of the book, and the guide on our "Flight Around the World", is the son of a missionary who went to North Korea when that part of the country had not a single Christian inhabitant. Dr. Samuel Moffett taught English in China from 1947-1951 when he was forced out by the Communist regime. Now he has returned to Korea as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.



In WHERE'ER THE SUN Dr. Moffett suggests that if we fly around the world trying to find a country where there are no Christians, we will not find one. He then introduces us to Christians old and new who have shared and share in making Christ known to others. Such men as Bishop Abraham of South India and Sadhu Sundar Singh, who when asked what he found in Christianity that he did not find in other religions, replied, "I find Christ". Dr. Ida Scudder, the founder of Vellore Christian Medical College; such Christians as the young Korean, who when called upon to die or renounce his faith replied, "Alive or dead, I am Jesus Christ's man"; Christians like Chitlangou, the son of an African Chief who in his addresses to American students proved to be a missionary to America; Chinese Christians who can sing in confidence "above the storm" – "Jesus shall reign"; European Christians who midst persecution sang "Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son", and who today are making possible moral and spiritual reconstruction.

These are a few of those who provide the sunlight in the picture of the Christian Church around the world. There are shadows too as we see a world not yet "converted"; continents hovering between the Evangelical faith and Communism; "unchristian Christians", who as the author says, are "often more difficult to work with than savages". Challenged by these shadows we are confronted with the question "Are we really Christians?" and with the author's concluding statement, "Ultimately, the trouble is not with the world, with our environment — that is the Communist diagnosis and it is wrong. Ultimately the trouble is with ourselves. In this world filled with hunger and poverty and disease, men need food and health and justice but whether men are sick or well, rich or poor, there is a despair and hopelessness in human life to which Jesus Christ is the only answer."

Once you begin to read WHERE 'ER THE SUN we are sure you will finish it, and having done so the Christian Church will be for you those men and women around the world who follow Christ themselves and in so doing make Him known to others.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

Not yet has earth succumbed to bandit power.
A mighty host are they who do God's will;
For conscience rules the hearts of millions still.
God's centuries make vain the tyrant's hour,
In countless breasts is liberty enshrined,
And myriad feet still walk the way of peace.
Love's dream still lives and ever shall increase;
'Tis not is vain Christ's perfect light has shined.
Lift up your hearts and quench your stubborn fears;
The proud dictators yet shall face the night.
Time digs the grave of those who spurn the right;
They have their day, but justice claims the years,
Lift up your hearts and know that life is good,
That God will crown His dreams of brotherhood.

—THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

TIPS ON LEADING DISCUSSION

How are you getting along with discussions in your Auxiliary this year? Our new study book "A Voyage of Discovery" emphasizes the importance of discussing the material presented at each meeting. I can hear some of you saying, "I can't get anyone to talk when I try to lead a discussion. Either they won't say a word or they just answed 'yes' or 'no' and then I have to carry on by myself". Many a President or Programme convener has been discouraged by one or two experiences like that.

Is there anything we can do to make it easier to carry on worthwhile discussions? There is no magic formula to make people talk but there are some ways in which we can encourage them.

Some General Principles

First of all a large meeting is the most difficult place to carry on a discussion with any degree of success. If some of your members are nervous about taking part in the programme, even with careful preparation, you can hardly expect them to speak out in a large group when quite unprepared. Stiff, straight rows of chairs do not foster free and easy conversation nor yet serious discussion. It is much easier to draw people out if a circular or semi-circular arrangement is used. Finally, let everyone remain seated during the discussion. As a general rule the more informal the atmosphere, the more people will talk.

Buzz Session

Unless your Auxiliary is very small, divide the members into two or more groups with not more than eight or ten people in each. There should be a leader for each group. These might be the members who took part in the programme. Have someone make brief notes in each group and report the findings to the meeting as a whole. Length of time – five to ten minutes.

Panel Discussion

Sometimes to vary the procedure, the committee who prepare and present the study material might complete the programme with a panel discussion. They would have the material well in mind and should not require much extra preparation to finish in this way. Another suggestion would be to have the whole programme presented in the form of a carefully prepared panel discussion. Following the panel, other members of the Auxiliary might be willing to contribute to a brief general discussion even in a fairly large meeting.

Assignments

If the Auxiliary is small, the programme convener could write out the questions given in the study book on slips of paper and hand them to some of the members a week or two before the meeting. Each question should be given to more than one member so that different opinions and fuller information would be contributed. This system would be more difficult to carry out in a large Auxiliary but an active committee might be able to distribute the questions at a previous meeting.

Points for the Leader

Whoever is to lead the discussion will find it much easier to keep people talking if she has prepared a series of questions aimed at getting people to think. The first discussion outline in the study book is given in some detail on page 15. Some of the later sections, however, have made only a suggestion and the leader should enlarge and develop the topics given.

The leader should not let the discussion wander too far from the point. In a firm but pleasant manner she should call attention to the question and ask the members to confine their remarks to the subject under discussion. She should not let one member monopolize the time, but might well direct some of her questions to the quiet Mrs. Brown or elderly Mrs. Smith who would never express their opinions unless asked directly. By further questioning she can usually get a more complete answer, but she should never browbeat or embarrass anyone who does not wish to say more. Finally, her manner should be tactful and confident. She should assume that those she is leading are as much interested as she is in "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World".*

*The general theme of the Mission Study.

J.C.M.

OUR SHARE OF TOMORROW

by HELEN BRICKER, B.A.

Miss Bricker calls attention of girls to the Young People in the girls' school in Formosa. These are the girls whose teachers you are helping support through your gifts to missions this year.

"GOOD mawnin' ", good mawnin' " greeted me from all directions. Smiling faces, grouped in little clusters around classroom doors and windows, beamed at me as I prowled up and down the halls. Everyone wanted to have a good look at this newly-arrived visitor from the Mother Church in Canada. Also to try out their words of English on her. The visitor, that's me, wanted to have an equally good look at the Tamsui school for Girls, and its pupils.

How would you imagine a girls' school in Formosa would look? You'd probably get quite a surprise. It's a very large red brick building of two stories, built on a rectangle around a central courtyard with green grass flowers, and palm trees. The girls can look out of their classroom windows and see the palms and flowers. Sounds nice, doesn't it?

The furniture in many of the classrooms is rather old, and the school is a little run down, but you'd expect all that because Japanese soldiers were billeted in the school during the last war and it takes a long time and a good deal of money to fix up such a large building. The girls don't mind anyway.

"These are the girls dormitories, very crowded as you can see". Miss Taylor opened the door and I peeked in. Suddenly I thought of camp, with one bed after another tightly packed together. But I've never seen a camp dorm look so neat, even at inspection time. Everything was in its proper place, there wasn't a wrinkle or a speck of dust. "Did they do it like this for me to see?" I asked. "No", Miss Taylor laughed, " they didn't know you were coming. The dorms always look like this". Formosa it-

It is a very large red brick building.

self is overcrowded and untidy. What a grand thing it is to send girls out from the school equipped to have homes as tidy and neat as a pin.

The girls at the school are lucky however, and they know it. We're accustomed to our own families where we girls are just as welcome and as much loved as the boys. But in a Formosan non-Christian home it's the boys who really matter. Girls are often considered a burden. If anyone is to receive an education it will be the boys in the family. Girls usually get very few years at school.

Of course its different in Christian Formosan homes, and many of the girls at the Tamsui school are from those homes. However, the school does have many non-Christian girls too, who are introduced to a whole new way of life at the school.

The Christian girls at the school will receive an education which will make them better leaders in their own Churches, better wives and mothers who can look after their families intelligently, and bring up their children wisely in the Christian faith. But it's in the life of a non-Christian girl that very dramatic changes take place.

Woitek Tan, for instance comes from a non-Christian home. Her family has a little money, and can afford to send her to school as well as her brothers. She knows that her parents are hoping that her education will mean that they can arrange a better marriage for her. Her home is far from the school, so she has to live in the residence.

In her dorm there are several Christian girls, who are happier, more fun-loving girls than Woitek has ever known. And the things they tell about their homes. Imagine having a home where the girls know they are loved and wanted. And they are always talking about young people's groups in their church at home and about singing in the choir, and helping in the Sunday school. Imagine doing so many interesting things outside of your home! This Christian church must be considerably different from the religious practises in her family where they have a table for the gods and her ancestors and put fresh flowers on it every morning and that's about all except chasing the spirits away at a Buddhist festival time.

In the days that follow, Woitek will learn a good deal about this Christian faith. She learns it in the morning worship, conducted every morning for the whole school by their much-admired young principal who is a fine Christian minister. She learns it in the Bible classes he teaches. She learns it by the attitude and the lives of the Christian teachers and missionaries. She learns it in the wonderful evening chapel services when the prayers and hymns, and the missionaries' talks are full of God who lives and cherishes each hu-

They are always talking about Young People's Groups in their Church . . . about singing in the choir.

man soul. They are full of Jesus, who becomes more and more real and wonderful to Woitek as the days go by.

Probably for Woitek there will come a day when her heart knows that she must declare herself a believer in Jesus as the Son of God. But it is a hard decision. She knows her family would be very angry about it, especially because it will mean all their plans for a wealthy marriage for her may not work out. They might force her to stop school, and then what would she do? Could she bring her family around to see her point of view? If she didn't, how could she earn a living for herself in Formosa?

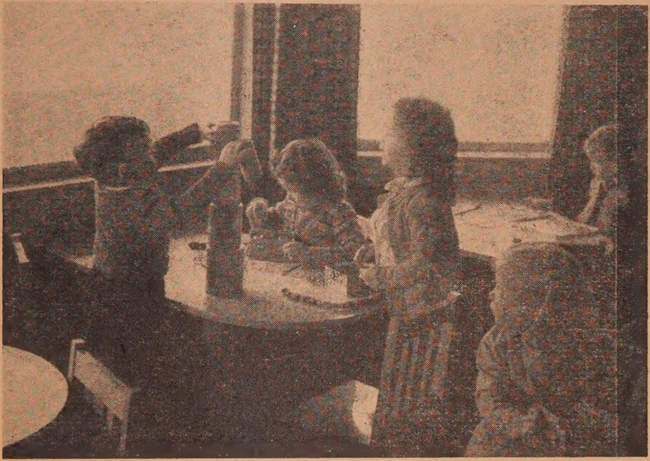
Woitek will probably venture the question at home, and the principal and teachers at home will help her in every possible way. It would be a tremendous day for Woitek if she should be received unto the Christian church, be baptized and take the Lord's Comunion. And Woitek would go on to win others to the same decision.

It will have happened due to the Tamsui School for Girls, and everythings it means. It will have happened because of the Christian principal and teachers at the school. Isn't it a marvellous thought that we girls in girls groups in Canada can help this kind of miracle to take place? We can, this year, pay the salary of two Christian teachers at that school, just by giving at least one dollar each. And this is only one of the three projects we will help to support with that dollar. The others are Indian nurses helping with our mobile medical van in the Bhil country in India, and also a student deaconness in our own Canadian West next summer.

What a marvellous opportunity is ours — our share of a wonderful tomorrow for many Formosan girls.

"For Woitek, there will come a day . . ." For Canadian girls . . . a share in a wonderful tomorrow.

Boys and Girls



It Is Tyndale House Day!

by CATHERINE WATSON

Miss Watson, W.M.S. Deaconess at Tyndale House, House, Montreal, allows us to share a day with the Mission Band.

"Mother. Oh! Mother," shouted eight year old Sue, as she opened the downstairs door. "Is today Tyndale?"

"Yes, dear," answered Mother.

"For me, too?" asked six year old Ruth.

"Yes there is a group for you today, too, as it is Mission Band day. Come now and make sure your hands and face are clean and your hair combed," said Mother, "and get your offering."

"I'm calling for Beth. We have such a good time a Tyndale that she wants to come too," explained Sue. "Hurry Ruth or we'll be late".

Down the steps they went and

out the door. On the way they called for Beth.

"Let's run," suggested Beth and they all ran down one street, around the corner and down the other, around the last corner and to Tyndale House.

"Hurrah! They are still in the gym. Come on, Beth". And down they went to join in the games.

What fun they and the other children had playing. "Did you ever see a lassie?"

"Let's go over to the chairs now," said Miss Day as the game was finished.

"Come on Beth" called Sue and grabbed her hand and made a dash for the chairs.

"Wait for me," called Ruth as she tried to keep her sister in sight as she was not too well acquainted with the other children and did not want to be too far away from her sister.

When all had found chairs and were comfortable, Miss Day started them singing. Beth was so glad it was something she knew; so she sang loudly, "God sees the little Sparrows fall", and was pleased when Miss Day smiled at her.

Miss Day waited until all the girls and boys were very still and then she read them a short story from the Bible about the "Good Samaritan". Beth had heard the story and so had lots of the other children but they were never tired of hearing it. Several told Miss Day how they thought they could be good Samaritans.

"Now what would you children like to talk about to God about today?" Miss Day asked smiling. "I'd like to say 'thank you' to God for Tyndale House," said Teddy. "I'd like to say 'thank you' to God for my new baby brother," said Peter. I'd like to ask God to make my mother better. She's sick," added Betty. They all bowed their heads and talked to God.

"Can we hear some more about Africa today?" asked two children at once. Miss Day opened the book to show them the pictures and began where she had left off last time to tell them about some boys and girls in Africa who had never heard about Jesus and Bible Stories like the Good Samaritan.

After the worship and story, Miss Day allowed the children to go upstairs.

"Goody, we're going to make something today", whispered Sue to Beth.

"Why, where are we going?" Beth whispered.

"Away upstairs."

"Come on". And the children all climbed the stairs.

"I'm going to hide and surprise them," said Toby to himself and slid past some of the children.

The first ones to enter the room were greeted by a little figure jumping from behind the door and shouting "boo".

"It's Toby," said the children and loud laughter filled the room.

Finally everyone got settled at their respective tables and the helpers had shown the birds they were going to make.

"They fly," said Ruth and clapped her hands and everyone joined in.

"Let's be birds," suggested Miss Day and the children spread out their arms and pretended to fly around although still sitting on their chairs as there was no room for movement in the room.

When the birds were all coloured and the wings put on and the string attached, the birds were ready to fly.

"Whee! See mine go," and Ruth sailed hers in the air.

"Wait until we get outside and they will really fly," said Sue.

"What's Miss Day writing on the board?" asked Beth.

All eyes were turned towards the blackboard and this is what they saw, "God careth for you".

"Let us write this on our birds because you remember in the song God cared for the birds," suggested Miss Day.

"Where's a pencil?" shouted Terry.

"You write mine, please. I can't write", said Ruth.

All were completed and Miss Day was standing by the door.

"Let all of us help to tidy up and then come and stand at the door," said Miss Day.

Such activity! But soon everyone was at the door – but no?

Miss Day asked, "Where are Terry and Jack?"

"I see them," called the children jumping up and down, "Under the table over there", and they pointed at them.

"Come Terry and Jack we are waiting for you", said Miss Day.

"Ah, but we don't want to go home," came the reply.

"Your other group is to-morrow and you can come again then," reminded Miss Day.

"All right. Come on, Jack, and let's stand at the door," submitted Terry.

All heads were bowed and all prayed, "Father of all children everywhere keep us now and keep us ever in Thy care, Amen".

"Good-bye, good-bye", sang the children as they gathered their coats and went downstairs and out the door.

"It was fun," said Beth as they went home. "I am glad you asked me to come. When can we go again?"

"Oh!" said Sue, "We go to Church School on Sunday and to Junior Congregation on Sunday and on Monday we have our Interest Group."

"May I go with you again?"

"Yes, you may come every time."

"I like Tyndale," confided Beth as she turned into her own doorway.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Mrs. W. J. Murdock presided over a meeting of the British Columbia Synodical in Central Church, Vancouver, when the guests were Reverend F. W. Metzger and Mrs. Metzger of Knox Church, Vancouver. The speakers gave an account, illustrated by pictures, of the Christian Church in Hungary where they have recently been working.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Evening Guild of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Cranbrook** held their Thank-offering meeting in October when members of Kimberley Young Women's group were guests — Mrs. D. W. Dow presided and led in the devotions assisted by Mrs. R. M. Petine and Mrs. W. Granger. Mrs. W. D. Black was guest speaker taking for her topic, "A Woman of the Bible" from II Kings — Chapter 4. A social hour was enjoyed.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — An interesting event took place in Buchanan Presbyterian Church, **Vancouver.** Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, past president of B.C. Synodical, made presentations to two members of the Senior Auxiliary, Mrs. A. Dalgleish and Mrs. J. Gillies. These members have been most faithful in the work of the Church and the Women's Missionary Society since its opening and Dedication in 1928.

At the Dedication meeting of Fairview Auxiliary, Dr. A. Rattery of **West Vancouver** showed pictures of his recent work in **White Horse,** Yukon Territory.

The Janet Thompson Evening Auxiliary and the Senior Auxiliary of **Kerrisdale** Presbyterian Church, **Vancouver,** held a joint Thank-Offering meeting at which Mrs. G. M. Bell presided. Mrs. David Smith led in an inspiring Worship Service. The Explorers with their Leader attended.

Mrs. F. F. Westbrook paid tribute to the memory of a much loved member, Mrs. Helen MacGill who passed away in September and presented a memorial Life Membership certificate to Mrs. R. MacRae a member of the "Helen MacGill" group. Dr. Christina Frazer was guest speaker. She told of her cruise on the "Prince George" in company with Presbyterians from the U.S.A. Calls were made to Presbyterian Churches and Mission Stations in Alaska.

At a recent meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian President, Mrs. E. P. Fox, gave a most interesting talk on the work of our Society. Reverend A. H. Rattery showed films of the Yukon and of the building of the Church in White Horse.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — Knox Church, **Moose Jaw** reports that the Presbyterian Training Institute was a great success. Leaders from **Briercrest, St. Paul's, Moose Jaw** joined with those of Knox Church in the inspiration of the day. Mrs. W. Kelly, Presbyterial President, presided. Devotional periods were conducted by Rev. R. B. Herrod and Reverend W. McKinnon. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Captain of the Training Team, in speaking to the adult group, said that it was a duty to spread missionary conviction throughout the church. The messages and practical suggestions of Miss Lily Macarthur on children's work and Mrs. R.

A. Davis on girls' work were helpful and inspiring, while Miss Margaret Kennedy's graphic presentations of the work in India brought that country and its needs more realistically to the hearts and minds of all those present. Reverend J. S. Clarke, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education met with the leaders for an hour before the evening meeting. Reverend James Dickson, missionary on furlough from Formosa, showed coloured slides of the locale of his work giving an interesting commentary on each one. He stressed the urgent need for more doctors, teachers and evangelists to combat the threat of communism.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Ross Downey of **Saskatoon** was guest speaker at the Autumn Thank-Offering meeting of the **Rosetown** W.M.S. Her message was based on a review of Bible passages which can show in our lives if applied. Service and Thanksgiving for our many blessings was stressed. "Go", "Tell", "Pray" were her theme words.

Parkview W.M.S. held a Pot-luck Supper Meeting. The Home Helpers and Husbands of Auxiliary members as well as C.G.I.T. and Y.W. members were invited guests . . . about forty in all. Mr. Jas. W. L. Hills, student minister of Parkview was the guest speaker. His theme was "FACTS AND FIGURES OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY".

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Under the sponsorship of the Evening Auxiliary, a "W.M.S. Family Night" was held recently at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. W. Dryden, president of the evening group, presided and welcomed the guests.

Contributions to the program included a pageant by the C.G.I.T., under the direction of Miss Georgina Fedoruk, and readings and musical numbers by the Mission Band and Explorers, directed by Mrs. M. Fraser and Mrs. Bartlett. After the showing of an interesting missionary film, "Trail Blazing in New Guinea," lunch was served in the Church rooms.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Many Thank-Offerings were held recently in this Presbyterial, with St. Andrews **Amherstburg** hearing Mrs. W. Weir; **Dresden** Knox hearing Mrs. Glen Huston and **Leamington** Isobel McConnell Group celebrating a 20th Birthday and having Miss Laura Pelton as their guest speaker. **Leamington** Knox had a nice display of W.M.S. Literature at a recent meeting held at the manse, at which Mrs. M. Robson was honoured. **Rutherford** heard Mrs. P. J. McEwen of Wyoming.

Turin, Duart and **Ridgetown** were represented at a rally for girls 12 to 18, held at Mount Zion Presbyterian Church and directed by Mrs. R. F. Goodbrand, Girls' Organization Secy. of Chatham Presbyterial. Mrs. Donald MacInnes, as guest speaker, spoke to the girls on the great life roads of Loyalty, Kindness and Service.

Turin Knox W.M.S. visited the Old People's Home on the outskirts of Thamesville and conducted a Christmas Worship Service and Sing Song and presented each member with a little useful gift, also passing Christmas Goodies around.

At the Christmas meeting of the Eleanor McKechnie Auxiliary of St. Endrews, **Windsor,** the new officers were elected and a supper party planned. Also at St. Andrews the Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary had a nice Christmas meeting. The Sr. Auxiliary of St. Andrews reported 237 visits during the year many of which were to welcome new-Canadians. 206 Magazines were sent the Essex County Sanatorium during 1953 by these members. The Alexander Bartlet W.M.S. heard Miss Janet MacLaren talk on, "Education in Africa." They also helped their Red Cross by making up 93 articles and helping with quilting. A CARE Parcel was sent during the month to Miss Isobel McConnell, India, and many Magazines were taken during the year to the Homestead by this group.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL—The Young Women's Group of St. David's, **Hamilton,** will be known as the Moore Gordon Auxiliary.

Mrs. Edwin Kelly, who spent 16 years in Bolivia, spoke on Pioneer Mission work in Bolivia at the Chalmer's Sr. Auxiliary, **Hamilton.**

The first Thank-Offering meeting of the Stone Church Evening Auxiliary of Chalmer's, **Walpole,** was well attended by friends from neighbouring auxiliaries also by the men and women folk of their local congregation. Reverend Dillwyn Evans spoke on his experiences as Asst. Supt. of Western Missions, and with the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Bert Gilmour, District President, addressed the Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary of **West Flamboro.**

The C.G.I.T. groups of **Chalmer's** and New Westminster, **Hamilton,** worked together making up bags of novelties for children, which were sent our Port Worker in Montreal.

The Sarah Dunning Young Women's Auxiliary, Knox, **Dundas** had Mrs. W. E. Smyth of West Flamboro as guest speaker.

The reading of minutes from old secretarial books of December meetings for many years past was greatly enjoyed by the Sr. Auxiliary of St. Andrews, **Ancaster,** and was of special interest to the older members.

Supper meetings for review of the year's business proved very successful in the Kate MacGregor Sr. W.M.S. of **St. Pauls,** the Elizabeth Lyle Sr. of **Central** and the Sr. of **Knox, Hamilton,** also the Margaret Pirie Evening of Knox **Dundas** and the Sr. of Knox **Burlington** who had the members of the evening auxiliary as their guests.

The 75th Anniversary of the Home Circle Sr. Auxiliary, St. Pauls, **Hamilton,** was observed in a Sunday morning Church special service with Reverend John Elder of British Guiana as the speaker. The following Tuesday evening a Candle lighting Ceremony depicted the development of the work since 1878.

St. Paul's Sr. Auxiliary **Carluke,** honoured their retiring President, Mrs. Allan Stewart.

The Alberton Mission Band held a successful Bazaar and Bake Sale in the School house, providing a delightful program for their guests at the close of which the boys of Grade Eight served lunch.

Among the Auxiliaries having the privilege of hearing Reverend John Elder speak of his work during the past twelve years in British Guiana have been Knox **Burlington** Margaret Allan Eve. Aux. St. Enoch's, the Elizabeth Lyle Sr. of Central and the Sr. Auxiliary of St. David's **Hamilton.**

West Flamboro Mission band realized a nice sum from a Fish Pond they had at the Ladies Aid Bazaar.

A Gift from Mrs. M. Corrigan was used to honour Miss Maude McQueen of the Sr. Auxiliary., **Kirkwall.**

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — A special note of encouragement at the Training Institute Sessions was the goodly number of young people present for the sessions. Reverend D. J. Firth, Chairman of Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery of London, and Mrs. J. K. West, President of London Presbyterial W.M.S. worked jointly in planning these sessions. While Miss Edith Magee, a Missionary on furlough from India, was visiting London to take part in this Training Institute work she was interviewed and a 15 minute tape recording made which was used the following week by London C.F.P.L. Broadcasting Station. Two of the above meetings were held in New St. James, **London,** on Monday and Wednesday evening, and at **Duff's Largie** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday evening the meeting was held at Elmwood Ave. Church in **London.**

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — At the Christmas meeting of the Ruth Buchanan Mission Band **Port Colborne** the President Eleanor Davison gave the call to worship with Barbara Mirrless answering the response. Mrs. Carl Davison was honoured by the Sr. W.M.S. at this meeting.

A C.G.I.T. Christmas combined Vesper Service was presented in Central United Church, **Welland,** with C.G.I.T. Groups from St. Andrews Presbyterian, Central United and Cook's Mill United taking part. The traditional Candle Lighting Service closed this Worship hour.

Reverend R. H. Beattie presided over a well attended gathering of W.M.S. members and friends on Nov. 26th when Reverend John Elder spoke in **St. Catharines** on his work in British Guiana and showed also many interesting coloured slides of life within that country.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — All the sessions of the Training Institute held in **Paris** were well attended and a closing feature on the programme was a banquet and service of dedication. Reverend John S. Wright, Moderator of Paris Presbytery conducted this service and many representatives attended these sessions from points between Harrington on the Northwest to Simcoe in the South east section of Presbytery. The Training Institute was held in **Paris** Presbyterian Church.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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The Annual Meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, BARRIE, April 6, 7, 8. Those wishing billets please write the billeting secretary, Mrs. J. H. McCaw, 75 Owen St., Barrie, Ontario. Information regarding railway fares may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Percy Ranson, 254 Briar Hill Avenue, Toronto 12, Ontario, or by telephoning Hudson 8-5966.

ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — Victoria Church, **Korah, Bar River** and **Sault** Presbyterians spent a most enjoyable day in Westminster Church Hall when the Board of Education and Training Institute of Women's Missionary Society, (Western Division) met.

Rev. C. W. Quinn, Moderator, Algoma Presbytery, presided at the afternoon session when Rev. R. Carter, B.A. and Miss M. MacNaughton, captain of the team, met with adult groups. Miss Lily Macarthur, National Children's Work Secretary, led a most interested group of Junior Teachers and Mission Band leaders. Mrs. R. G. MacKay met with C.G.I.T. leaders.

In order that those attending could remain for the evening session a delicious supper was provided by the Ladies' Aid of Westminster.

Miss M. Kennedy, dressed in a lovely sari and Indian ornaments, gave a most inspiring address on her work among the Bhil tribes of India, illustrated by beautifully coloured views of India, Palestine and Switzerland, where she had visited on her return journey to Canada.

The session closed with a beautiful service of dedication conducted by Mrs. George Grant, Presbyterial president, with Mrs. Lock as pianist.

The training team with visitors from the Sault, Mrs. George Grant, Mrs. C. Eaid, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. N. King and Miss C. M. Acheson, journeyed to Bar River where Miss M. Kennedy, dressed as an Indian lady, held the audience spellbound as she told of her work in India.

Before leaving for Sudbury the ladies of Bar River Presbyterian Church entertained the team to tea.

Mrs. Maurice Hagan, a faithful president of Algoma Presbyterial for four years, and Synodical Library Secretary has passed away after a long illness, borne with great patience.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. of Knox Church, **Bracebridge,** held its Home Helpers meeting at the manse with twenty-seven members and friends present. A hearty welcome was extended to the ladies by Mrs. Vais who also presided over the meeting. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. W. Spearin by Mrs. Vais.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Barrie,** entertained the Home Helpers and friends. Mrs. C. Simpson, Home Helpers Convener assisted the President, Mrs. A. McKinnon with devotions. The guest speaker was Mrs. J. A. MacInnis of **Orillia.** She spoke on her impressions of the coronation.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — St. Andrew's W.M.S. **Parry Sound** had a very pleasant evening at their regular meeting when Mrs. Newton of **North Bay,** president of the North Bay Presbyterial visited them. Vice-President, Mrs. A. Logan opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. A. Rogers had charge of the devotions. Mrs. Newton then addressed the meeting. She gave a very precise address on what Missions mean to us and what we mean to Missions. Her theme was "We must love the Lord with all our heart.

Mrs. Newton spoke of the many ways of travel today that brought us in closer touch with more people, who are all our neighbours and we should all be ready and willing to give a helping hand to any we meet who need help. All this, she said, connects us with our Missionary work.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — A "Hymn Book" and an "In Memorium" were presented to **Waldemar** Presbyterian Church by Orangeville Presbyterial, in memory of Mrs. George Gamble, who has been a faithful member for many years of the Waldemar Auxiliary. The annual Thank-offering was held at Mrs. Harvey Gamble's home. Mrs. Harry Hillis presided and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Fraser of **Dundalk,** Presbyterial President. Mrs. Fraser spoke on the true meaning of Thanksgiving, the work of the pioneers in spreading the Gospel, and of present day missionaries. Special mention was made of Mrs. James Dickson, who has worked among the lepers in Formosa. Miss Mills, Presbyterial Recording Secretary was also present and spoke briefly. The "Lucy Baker" Mission Band held an open meeting, and invited the auxiliary members. The work they had done during the year, was on display. The auxiliary members served lunch.

A Sectional meeting was held in **Hillsburgh** Presbyterian Church for the South half of Orangeville Presbyterial. Mrs. S. McNeilly of Orangeville conducted the meeting. Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Presbyterial President, introduced the speaker, Miss Marilyn Dickson. She spoke of her mother's work in Formosa and of her hopes for the future. By use of slides, she told of many interesting facts about the people and country and how ready they are to respond if only there were more workers.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — A Service of Worship for Christmas, as given in The Glad Tidings, was used for the devotional period at the December meeting of the Dovercourt Senior Auxiliary. Coloured slides were shown and an interesting talk given by Miss Marilyn Dickson, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. James Dickson, on the work being done among the Formosan people. Mrs. W. D. Muir, District Vice-President, brought greetings from Toronto West Presbyterial. The auxiliary members presented to Mrs. R. W. Cameron, an "In Memoriam" in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. R. J. Williamson, a much loved, former honourary president of the auxiliary.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Winchester,** held its annual Family Night in November when other organizations of the Church were guests. The president, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, welcomed the officers and members from the Agnes Glassford Auxiliary, the Goforth Helpers and the Mission Band. Mrs. William Reid addressed the meeting.

Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary **Morrisburg,** held a Thank-offering and Family night. Miss Mary E. Nichol, Superintendent of Jobat Hospital, Jobat, India, was guest speaker and showed slides on India. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Eric Larsen, Presbyterial President and by representatives from local Church Auxiliaries, and representatives from local Church Auxiliaries, and representives of **Iriquois, Dixon's Corners, Dunbar, Winchester Springs, South Mountain** Auxiliaries, and a letter of good wishes from **Winchester.**

GLENGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. George Fourney and Mrs. J. R. Fourney were hostesses to the well attended November meeting of Glen Gordon Auxiliary, **Lancaster.** The guests were members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lancaster and **Picnic Grove** Young Women's Auxiliary and Mission Band. The President, Miss Hilda Snider, presided and welcomed the guests. A special feature of the meeting was the presentation of an Honourary Life Membership to Mrs. F. W. Fraser, who had devoted sixty years of Service to the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Alpin MacGregor, Presbyterial President, gave a thoughtful message on "Why we should work for Missions."

An informative address on the History and Working of the Life Membership department, was given by the Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Groves. Other members of the Presbyterial Executive were present and spoke briefly.

Mrs. Mason MacLennan, Vice-President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, gave greetings.

Miss Mary Nichol, R.N., on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary of **Moose Creek.** Miss Nichol illustrated her talk with coloured slides. She spoke of the great need of the people, both physically and spiritually, and of the unsparing efforts of the missionaries to meet that need. She also displayed many interesting curios and costumes of the Bhil tribes. The meeting was largely attended and representatives were present from eight other auxiliaries, some of whom took part in the programme.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — — The Senior and Evening departments of the W.M.S. of St. Edward's Church, **Beauharnois,** Que., held a joint thank-offering meeting.

Guests and members were welcomed by the president, Mrs. H. Graham.

The guest speaker as the Reverend E. Leckie of Trinity Church, **Beauharnois,** who spoke on mission work undertaken, following a committee of clergyman and laymen some twenty-five years ago, the outcome of a missionary gathering in Montreal, the aim of this committee being to bring the Church and its services to the Peace River district and other western points. Pictures were shown by Mrs. Leckie, in charge of the projector, of this work, among them being little logwood churches that have been built in this district, ministering to the people, one of these being in the Kitimat district where the Aluminum Company of Canada's huge development is being carried carried on. Difficulties of travel, due to road conditions and the mountainous sections of the country were plainly seen, but failed to discourage the student missionary undertaking this work of bringing the Word to people in outlying difficult-of-access places.

Mr. and Mrs. Leckie were thanked by Mrs. I. M. Anderson for their interesting and informative talk and the hope expressed that this work would continue to be blessed.

A pleasant social half hour followed the close of the meeting.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Sectional Meeting of the Auxiliaries of **Milan** and **Scotstown** was held in St. Paul's Church Hall, **Scotstown.** Mrs. Philip Boy presided. Reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were given. Mrs. Boy gave a talk on "Frontiers in Mission Work". She also spoke of the recent passing of Mrs. Owen Reid Campbell, a former President of Quebec Presbyterial, and paid special tribute to her memory.

St. Andrew's Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of **Sherbrooke,** Quebec, held their Fall Thank-offering meeting at the manse. Mr. Robert Loiselle, Montreal Presbyterian Student brought a forceful message on "Personal Evangelism" and also a message in song.

Miss Jessie Turner conducted the meeting which was largely attended.

St. Andrew's Mission Band **Sherbrooke,** held a well attended Thank-offering meeting in the Church Hall. The Band, with Lois Sawyer as President, conducted the entire programme. The programme was based on the study theme. Each member had an individual part, and the "Sunshine Pennies" were brought in at this time. Mrs. Adams, leader, thanked all those who assisted so faithfully in this worthwhile work with the children.

CHANGES IN ANNUAL REPORT

The following changes in the 1952 Annual Report have been brought to attention recently:

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- Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Butt, Huntsville, Ont.
- Children's Department Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Stroud ,Ont.
- Literature and Exchange Secretary, Mrs. D. W. MacKenzie, Victoria Harbour, Ont.
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Editorial

FACED with the need to make the Christian Gospel a more effective force in the world today, we are trying to think through the problem: how to communicate the faith we have to those about us — to those at home and abroad who are served by our Church's missionary efforts. Last month we suggested that we first need to revitalize our knowledge of the Christian way by a renewed study of God's word and such writings as help us understand it.

We are reminded this season of the year of prayer as a means of communicating our faith. We think of the World Day of Prayer in which we all share. We are reminded that the World Day of Prayer draws women together in a unity which no reasoning can explain but which communicates to one another of the participants and to the world, the knowledge that God cares for His people and can use them. Practical results of this special Day have helped communicate the faith through Christian literature to many parts of the world.

It is not our intent to attempt an explanation of the many ways prayer is used in communicating the Christian Gospel. Suffice it to say that when one presents herself before God, thanking Him for the gift of faith and love, seeking to be His servant, that one is going to be used in the extention of the Kingdom. The question that presents itself to Auxiliary members — at least the question heard by this writer during the Institutes was: "how may we improve the spiritual life of our auxiliary?"

This month, in the Auxiliary page (You and Your Auxiliary,) Miss Margaret MacNaughton has given help in preparation of a service of worship and in addition Miss Grace MacKay has prepared a Service of Worship which you will want to use in your Easter meeting. How much does Worship in a meeting really mean to you? Do you feel that you are truly worshipping God or are the words merely words that have become a form, a custom — words that are always said at the opening or close of a meeting?

If we pray that we be guided in the conduct of the meeting — if each individual prepares in this way — there cannot possibly be a chance of the meeting not communicating truth to the members.

"Ask and ye shall receive," Jesus said. A meeting thus consecrated will convey to its members the knowledge of the presence of the Holy Spirit. They will give themselves to receive knowledge of the work they are committed to doing. Thus, with knowledge and enthusiasm, they will communicate to those about them the joy and happiness they have in working within the Christian Church. Then the sense of working in partnership with God will reflect on our material gifts which, in turn, are forms of communication.

Study and prayer — if we are diligent in both — we will never be in doubt about our place in Christ's Kingdom. We will never doubt that He has called us to be His servants — that the Kingdom may stretch from Jerusalem and Judea — unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Prayer

O God, our loving Heavenly Father, with humble hearts we come into Thy presence, conscious that without Thee we can do nothing. Grant, we pray, that we may be given strength for whatever task we are given to do, courage to meet each new day not knowing what it holds for us, and faith that Thou wilt not forsake us.

We thank Thee for the many blessings which we receive from Thee each day, blessings which we take so much for granted and for which we give so little in return. Awaken us to a consciousness that because we have received so freely of Thy bounty we have a great responsibility to send the message of Thy love and mercy to all mankind.

We remember with gratitude, our Father, the missionaries of our Church and Society, both in this land and in the lands beyond the seas. Grant to each an outpouring of Thy spirit in all they undertake for Thee. Help us, we pray, to support them always by our prayers and our gifts.

Forgive, O God, what has been casual or careless in our service for Thee, and grant to each the will to serve Thee more faithfully in the days ahead that Thy kingdom may be extended throughout the earth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we present our petitions. Amen.

Ecumenical is a word which is a part of the Vocabulary of Church men and women today. In this article, Dr. Lennox told us the background of a movement which is of prime importance in the world today.

The Ecumenical Movement

by REVEREND ROBERT LENNOX, Ph.D.

Principal, Presbyterian College, Montreal

THE Ecumenical Movement is grounded in the vision of the prophets of Israel and of the New Testament Church. The former perceived that God was Lord of the nations, and that Israel, His servant, must ultimately be His messenger to and the instrument of His purpose among the nations. The New Testament Church considered itself commissioned by none other than its Lord for no lesser task. This is expressed in Jesus' last words recorded in Matt. 28:19, 20: "Go ye, therefore, into all the world and make disciples of all nations . . . and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age".

The Meaning of "Ecumenical"

The term 'ecumenical' which has become so familiar in our day refers to just this aspect of the life of the people of God — the Church of God. It comes from the Greek root, which means 'to dwell' and to the form derived from this which was used by the Greek-speaking peoples in the centuries immediately before and after Christ to refer to the whole inhabited world. Thus it came to be used early by the Christian Church of those early councils which represented the expanding Church.

The word 'ecumenical' is thus synonomous with the word 'catholic', which is sometimes confused with Roman Catholic and thus misunderstood. The word 'catholic' means 'whole' or 'entire' and so it is used in the most familiar of our Christian Creeds, the Apostles' Creed: I believe in the Holy Catholic Church.

Solidarity of Church Begins to Break Down

Up until the time of the Protestant Reformation there was a certain awareness of the wholeness or catholicity of the Christian Church, and indeed so pervasive was the Church throughout Europe that the term Christendom came to be applied to it and writers could refer to it as Corpus Christianum, the Body of Christ. Already, of course, tragic schisms had taken place in the Christian Church which had resulted in the formation of the various churches of the East over against the Church of Rome.

But this apparent solidarity was soon to break down — under its own weight and corruption. The Protestant Reformation was followed by more than three centuries when, unfortunately, those very principles which underlay the whole Reformation movement were to lead to the formation of many churches in the West. Emphasis upon various aspects of the Christion Faith led to the variety of forms with which we are familiar in our denominations. Such was the situation around the turn of the present century, though, it must be stated emphatically, not without the realization that all Christian Churches had much in common.

Protestant Missionary Enterprize Leads To Concern for Co-operation

During the latter half of the nineteenth Century the churches of Protestantism were especially active in missionary work and evangelism. Bishop Stephen Neill, in his little book: *Christ, His Church and His World,* has a fascinating chapter in which he relates some of the incidents of these momentous years: the mission of Dwight L. Moody at Cambridge University in 1884, which led to the conversion of the Studd brothers; the visit of J. E. K. Studd to Cornell University in the U.S.A., which resulted in John R. Mott committing his life to Christ and the world-wide task of His Church. The vision and genius of this man in large part brought about the organization of the World Student Christian Federation, the Student Christian Movement and the Student Volunteer Missionary Union. The Missionary enterprise led to deep concern for mutual understanding and co-operation among those who were engaged in this work. At first this led to regional conferences and committees, such as the Bangalore Conference of 1879 and the formation of the German Evangelical Missionary Committee in 1885. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America was held in 1893. Meanwhile in this same year the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. created their world organizations. Such was the spirit of the period and it moved irresistably to the Edinburgh Missionary Conference of 1910, which brought together some 1335 people from various parts of the world to understand the meaning and challenge of the non-christian world. During the decade that followed "Edinburgh" national and regional Missionary Councils were established in most of the so-called mission countries, now known as the lands of the Younger Churches, and it was the representatives of these together with those from the various Missionary Committees of Europe and America who met to organize the International Missionary Council in 1921.

The Church turns thought upon itself

While concerned with the Church's Missionary task in the world the Edinburgh Conference of 1910 made the Church turn its thought in upon itself. This introspection was deepened and intensified by the fearful upheaval of the First World War. Something of what Christians everywhere were beginning to feel was expressed in "The Appeal to All Christian People" from the Bishops assembled in the Lambeth Conference of 1920. It acknowledged that all who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and were baptized into the name of the Holy Trinity shared in the membership of the Church of Christ, which in His Body, by whatever name they were known, whether espiscopal or non-episcopal. Of course it made claims for Anglican conceptions which non-Anglicans do not accept and this was one of the 'deep differences' to which it referred. But it emphasized those aspects of the Faith which is rooted in the Scriptures as its ultimate standard and formulated in the historic Nicene Creed.

This, indeed, was the mood and was in line with two movements which were to issue from "Edinburgh 1910." The first of these was the series of Conferences on Faith and Order, the specific purpose of which was to consider such agreements and the disagreements as were mentioned in the Lambeth Appeal. Charles Brent, a Missionary Bishop of the Episcopal Church of America was one of the leading spirits in this movement. Though slowed by war and the unhurried actions of the Church the First World Conference on Faith and Order met in Lausanne on August 3, 1927. Here was a gathering of some 400 of the leading theological scholars of the various communions of Christians from all over the world, including a considerable number of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has been said that the most remarkable achievements of the Conference was the fact of its meeting. Some hard things were said as the delegates pursued their discussions, but all was said in a spirit of Christian love and led to fuller mutual understanding and fellowship. True, serious differences emerged which had to be faced and these were made the subject of intense study during the next ten years. Then the second World Conference on Faith and Order met in Edinburgh in 1937. The former conference at Lausanne had convened at a time when the post-war world was on the crest of a wave of enthusiasm for unity and brotherhood; the latter met at a time when war was already raging again in some countries and the clouds of a global strife were rapidly gathering. In such a setting the second Edinburgh Conference was no mere academic affair.

Questions of Life and Work

The other of these two movements which issued from "Edinburgh 1910" was concerned with questions relating to the Life and Work of the Church. Everywhere there was a growing uneasiness about the inadequacy of the Church's social and ethical witness in the modern world. And many believed that co-operation in Christion service was possible without waiting for the settlement of all those problems with which Faith and Order was dealing. This led in various parts of the Protestant world to organizations like the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Even during the years of the First World War a young Swedish Archbishop of the Lutheran Church tried to bring together the leaders of the Christian Church from both sides of the awful confiict. In this he was unsuccessful, but soon after the end of the war, in 1925, he did succeed and the First World Conference on Life and Work was held in Stockholm in Archbishop Soederblom's native Sweden. The years that immediately followed revealed the tremendous challenge of totalitarianism to the Christian Faith. In response to the urgency of the hour the second World Conference on Life and Work met in Oxford in 1937. Here the best minds of the Church came to grips with the problem set forth by Dr. J. H. Oldham at the opening of the Conference: "Basically the problem (is) . . . how religion is to survive in a single community which is neither Church nor State, which recognizes no formal limits, but which covers the whole of life and claims to be the source and goal of every human activity." A glance at some of the titles that came from this conference will make clear its character: *The Christian Understanding of Man; The Christian Faith and the Common Life; The Universal Church and World of Nations.* Indeed, this list of titles makes something else clear: the fact that the Church could not understand its task without at the same time understanding its own nature. Nature and function are inextricably bound up together. That is to say, these two movements: Faith and Order and Life and Work are inseparably joined to each other. Even the International Missionary Council, which began at that first Edinburgh meeting and had met again in Jerusalem in 1928 and was to meet once more in a most notable way at Madras in 1938, continued to be interested and involved in these two movements, to which it had in a sense given birth. It was almost inevitable, therefore, that the thoughts of those engaged in the Edinburgh and Oxford Conferences of 1937 should begin to turn now in the direction of a fellowship of Churches which would cut clean across all denominational and confessional boundaries and through which all these dependent and related interests could be carried forward. Hence a World Council of Churches was proposed in which all who accept the Lord Jesus as God and Saviour could participate. The purpose of this World Council as set forth by a committee under the leadership of that great churchman, the late Archbishop William Temple, was among other things, to carry on the work of the two World Movements of Faith and Order and Life and Work; to facilitate common action by the Churches; to promote co-operation in study and to promote the growth of ecumenical consciousness in the members of all the Churches.

The First Assembly, World Council of Churches

It was hoped that the first Assembly of the World Council could be held in 1940 or 1941. But this hope was to be disappointed because of the war which sucked into its awful vortex all the nations of the world. When, however, war ceased in 1945 plans which had already been formulated were quickly put into effect and one of the most significant gatherings of all Christian history met in Amsterdam in August 1948. The World Council of Churches became a reality. It was the end of more than half a century of united prayer, study and co-operation. But it was really only the beginning and what the outcome may be no one can easily foresee.

TRUE REST

Rest is not quitting
The busy career;
Rest is the fitting
Of self to one's sphere.

'Tis the brook's motion
Clear without strife,
Fleeting to ocean,
After this life.

'Tis loving and serving,
The highest and best;
'Tis onward, unswerving,
And this is true rest.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, 1749-1832

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MISS ANNE MacEACHERN

Miss Anne MacEachern who joined the Women's Missionary Society staff in April, 1953, as a Presbyterian Regional Secretary, was appointed at the first of January, 1954, to work as Presbyterian Regional Secretary in the Synod and Synodical of Hamilton and London.

Miss MacEachern served in the Hamilton and London area as a member of the Western Ontario Presbyterian Training Institute Team. Because of this, she has already been introduced to many in the area.

Miss MacEachern's work will include contact with both W.M.S. and Christian Education workers. We know that her work will be of assistance to the Church as a whole in the Hamilton and London Synod.

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by GRACE MacKAY

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus — Book of Praise — 209.

Call to Worship:

(Responsive reading — Book of Praise 215)

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today
Our triumphant holy day.

Response: Hymns of praise then let us sing
Unto Christ, our heavenly King.

Leader: Sing we to our God above
Praise eternal as His love.

Response: Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Hymn:

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee — Book of Praise 148,
(verses 1, 3, and 4.)

First Reader:

Psalm 148: 1-3 11-13

Affirmation of Faith:

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"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell. the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Amen.

Hymn:

When I survey the wondrous Cross — Book of Praise — 192
(to be sung as a prayer)

Second Reader:

John 20:1-2; -11 -18

Hymn:

Christ the Lord is risen today. — Book of Praise — 214

Leader:

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Offering:

Dedication of Offering:

"All things come to Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

Prayer:

O Thou who art the Living Christ, at this glad Easter time we would come to Thee with hearts full of gratitude and praise for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave His life that all who believe in Him might not perish but have everlasting life. We beseech Thee ever to keep us mindful of Thy command "go ye therefore and teach all nations." May the vision be ours to give of ourselves and of our substance in proclaiming Thy great message at home and overseas. Grant unto us the strength for this task, and may Thy spirit dwell within us at all times, transforming us into the kind of followers that Thou wouldst have us be. In and through the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn:

O for a Thousand tongues to sing – Book of Praise 261.
(Tune Winchester Old No. 168.)
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 7.
(To be repeated in unison)

Benediction

Book of Praise — 338.

May the grace of Christ our Saviour
And the Father's Boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.
Amen.

John Newton

OUR DUTY

The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night,
And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;
And the men to bear that message, and to speak the living word,
Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.
Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open to the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave one prayer unsaid,
Till the world has heard the message, "Christ has risen from the dead."
We grovel among trifles and our spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the Cross;
And the blood of God is streaming from His broken hands and side,
And the lips of God are saying, "Tell my brother I have died."
O Voice of God, we hear Thee above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime.
No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience and love has led the way.

FREDERICK GEORGE SCOTT.

SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS

by Maydee F. Pae

This is the third president of A synodical society to be introduced to the membership

MISS JESSIE E. WALLS

Saskatchewan

Miss Jessie Walls, President of the Synodical Society of Saskatchewan is a woman of varied interests and high on her list of these is the work of her Church. She came to her present position in the Synodical after experience in Saskatoon Presbyterial and with a wide understanding of conditions throughout the Province.

Miss Walls is an experienced and successful teacher and was, for fifteen years on the staff of the Provincial Normal School of Saskatchewan, (now called Teachers' College of Saskatchewan.) This experience has resulted in contacts and knowledge which, added to her natural abilities and vital personality, have made her most valuable not only in her own Synodical but to the Society as a whole.

In addition to her work in education and in Church life, Miss Walls is an active and responsible citizen whose interests go far beyond her immediate community. She is a past president of the Saskatoon Council of Women and at present is Recording Secretary of the Provincial Council. She was President of the Women's Canadian Club of Saskatoon and is now on the Executive Committee of Saskatoon branch of the United Nations Association.

From this we see that Miss Walls is a busy person and has filled her time with worth-while activities. She is a woman of vision, of strong faith and courage — eager to meet the challenge of the day to which she has been called.

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Individual Subscriptions	5,939.49	3,822.70
Interest	900.00	900.00
	$246,678.54	$226,465.06
Disbursements on Estimates	232,653.27	207,971.34
	$ 14,025.27	$ 18,493.72

All Synodicals have increased their contributions over 1952 the over-all increasing being 8%. All Synodicals, with the exception of the two most western, have exceeded their objective, and it is because some have given more than was asked of them that the total Estimate was reached and over-subscribed.

SUPPLY FUND

British Columbia	$ 581.20	$ 500.00
Alberta	548.00	502.80
Saskatchewan	357.90	271.08
Manitoba	465.87	366.00
Toronto and Kingston	4,657.49	4,297.63
Hamilton and London	4,398.90	3,252.17
Montreal and Ottawa	2,284.49	1,955.17
	$13,293.85	$11,144.85

All Synodicals have exceeded their objective and have increased their contributions over 1952 for the Supply Fund. We must give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father who has made possible this report. It is indicative of the continued faith, the consecrated service and the desire of our members to share in the great Missionary commission — "Go ye — preach — teach."

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

Sharing in Canadian Missions

DEACONESSES AT WORK

More information about Deaconesses working on the National Mission Staff

Last month we defined the word deaconess and noted how three graduate deaconesses work in urban centres of our land. This month we wish to introduce you to two other young women who are serving full time under the direction of Presbytery.

Miss Margaret Near is working in the Presbytery of Assiniboia. Her work entails much the same detail as a city deaconess. Her work is primarily in the city of Regina although she goes from time to time to other areas. In the summer she directs camps and Vacation Bible School.

Miss Lillian Reay is a deaconess working in the Peace River area. She journeys, when the weather permits, up the Alaska highway to help instruct children at maintenance camps in Christian education. This was an area of work pioneered by Miss Marjorie MacKay. Now Miss Reay serves the wide area of the Peace River Presbytery helping women's groups, Church Schools and midweek groups. She will have camps and Vacation Bible School to supervise in the summer. This summer a second staff deaconess will be appointed to work in this Presbytery.

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MISS MARGARET NEAR, B.A.
Deaconess in Assiniboia Presbytery

Summer Work

Each summer student deaconesses and other young women, who hope to become "full-time workers" in the Church, are appointed to types of work which can, in the main, only be done when roads and weather are favourable.

Last year nine young women were employed during the summer months.

Since the Missionary Vans have been in operation they have been in charge of deaconesses who have been assisted by summer workers. Last year in the Peace River area Miss McKay and Miss Reay had as their helpers during July and August, two young women of the Peace River Presbytery. In the Rocky Mountain House area, Presbytery of Red Deer, the Missionary Van was in charge of Miss Joan Rochemont, Overseas appointee, and Miss Joanne Tillisch, student deaconess. Two other summer appointees worked in the Presbytery of Prince Albert. They were Miss Agnes Gollan, Overseas appointee, and Miss Ruth Lor, a young Chinese woman whose family are members of the Presbyterian Church in Brockville. Miss Norma Kennedy, student deaconess, worked in the Presbytery of Winnipeg, while Miss Isobel Reid was appointed to assist Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port receptionist in Montreal and Quebec.

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MISS LILLIAN REAY
Deaconess, Peace River Presbytery

The reports of these summer workers tell of many and varied experiences — of roads made almost impassable by heavy rains, of trips up the Alaska Highway, of Vacation Bible Schools, of visits to homes in outlying districts, of surveys in new housing areas, of camp leadership, of welcoming the newcomers to Canada. For student deaconesses these experiences are invaluable. So far as the Council Executive is concerned an opportunity is given to learn the phase of work for which the student deaconesses are most suited.

From reports received from Presbyterials we know that the efforts of these young women are greatly appreciated and that in the tremendous task of the Church they serve a very great need.

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A little over a year ago, Rev. S. M. and Mrs. Gordon went to Formosa. They are working as Evangelists, Mrs. Gordon in writing to you gives you a word picture of the country and the work.

Letter From Formosa

45 Mackay St.,
Tamsui, Taiwan.

Dear friends in the homeland:

We have been over six months in Taiwan, and perhaps now we can begin to give some impressions of this beautiful land, and its interesting people. We arrived in the winter season to find flowers blooming and everything beautifully green. There was constant rain, and we felt the damp cold to be rather uncomfortable. I must say it is hard to realize now how chilly we were, but actually one wears warmer clothing than at home.

The first rice crop was being planted, and we have seen it through all the stages. I felt so sorry for the farmers and their families. The fields are covered with water, then ploughed by Water Buffalo with the farmer walking through mud up to his knees. The next step is planting, in which all the family joins, for each little plant must be taken from the seed bed and set out by hand. This work is done on hands and knees, and a cold wet job it is. Later it is cultivated in the same way, by patient hand labor. As the days grew warmer, the plants grew and ripened, until harvest time. Then the sheaves are tied and cut, also by hand, and carried to a machine which cuts off the heads, the straw being left to dry, much like our sheaves of wheat. Now the problem is to find an unoccupied space for threshing and drying the grain. Sometimes there is a threshing floor of hard clay, and a little straw or bamboo hut is erected, as some one is always on guard, night and day, lest some of the precious crop be stolen. If there is not sufficient space on the threshing floor, the rice is just spread along the road side. Certainly it slows traffic, often means one-way going for a short distance, but no one seems to mind; bus, army truck (car or pedicab cheerfully slow down). The rice must be dried.

In the south there are three crops a year, here the second has just been planted, but with very different conditions because of the heat.

So much for the cultivation of the mainstay of physical life — I might add a description of the incredibly painstaking cultivation of little patches of land on the sides of mountains, so steep one would think no one could possibly reach them. Here peanuts, sweet potatoes and tea are grown. The farmer thinks nothing of it — I heard of one expressing sympathy for those on level ground since their backs must ache from stooping — he could stand up to hoe his potatoees!

But I know you are interested in the cultivation of the soil where the good seed of the Gospel is being sown. I wish you might all have witnessed a service of consecration and praise last night. The culmination of a week long Young People's Conference. About 250 young Presbyterians gathered from all over the Island. They have had an intensive program. Bible Study, Inspirational Addresses, Discussion Groups, lectures on teaching methods, ways of presenting the gospel to others, and music. Each morning the bell rang at 6.30 for worship, and their evening ended at 10 p.m. Vesper services were held outdoors till the typhoon Nina struck us on Sunday. She destroyed much of the roof of the girls' school auditorium, where they meant to hold a service Sunday evening. Last night when we went over, the floor was still pretty well flooded, and the electric lights out of commission. A few candles were on tables on the platform but elsewhere all was dark. Then the choir of 45 came in, each with a lighted candle, and slowly walked forward to the music of Bach's "Air for G string" played by piano and violin. The whole service was a beautiful, solemn and reverent consecration, in word and song. Miss Taylor had spent two hours each day for 4 days training this choir. They had never sung together before, but the music was lovely. This is a singing church, and a musical people. We could but thank God, for this body of young people, the light of their love for the Lord revived, and ready to go back bearing it to their communities just as the massed light of their candles illumined the gloom of that building, so each little candle of faith will do its part to bring the light of the gospel to the darkness of superstition.

Several weeks ago, a similar conference was held for lay men and women of the church. The Girl's School here makes a splendid conference ground, during the summer vacation, and is seldom vacant. Other groups have used it, also.

I should like to thank personally each one who has sent cards and children's books, but it seems impossible to get sufficient time for the letters one would like to write. Will you please accept my very warm thanks to you all. You may be sure that they will be used, and will bring joy to many a child.

We are enjoying the beauty and quiet of this place, I believe the loveliest compound on the Island. It has been very hot but we know that other places are worse. Here the air is clean and the view wonderful. We hope it will not be too long before we move to Loteng, where the mission has decided to open a new station. Plans have been drawn up for the estimates for building. If they are within the amount allocated we can proceed, and should be able to get settled before winter rains start. The land purchased is part of a rice field on the edge of the city about ten minutes walk from the church. We already feel very much at home there, having occupied the church tower for four days a week for three months. From this centre we can reach a large area, for Loteng is on a fertile plain near the East Coast of the Island. Here are many mainland people, and mountain tribes, as well as the native church to be contacted and helped. I am praying for a good woman to assist me, who can translate into Taiwanese when necessary. Am studying Taiwanese now, as well as Mandarin but know I'll not be able to master enough to work with it. The Sunday school teachers in Loteng have been anxious for a teacher training class but only a few understand Chinese. There are demands everywhere for English Bible Classes, and we are hoping to have work for children in Mandarin, as well as preaching services. So please pray that the Lord will give strength and power, sufficient for the task, that He may be glorified in this little corner.

If only there were some way to arouse in every Christian a sense of urgency, surely the sands of time are running low, and the day of our opportunity may be cut off at any moment, yet still there are so many who need to be shown the light of this glorious gospel. May God bless you all, in every endeavor to do His will, and may you find peace and joy as you make Him known to others.

Sincerely your friend,
(Mrs. S. M.) Jessie W. Gordon

BEHOLD I SEND YOU FORTH

By REVEREND DONALD and DR. MARION POWELL

"I BAPTIZE thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." Our eyes wandered from the face of the speaker and the scene before us to the gray sky misty with a soft rain. We followed the line of the modern brick and glass building with the neon tubes spelling out 'School of Postgraduate Studies' down to the old palace moat below with boys scrambling up and down the banks each with bamboo pole held hopefully toward the stagnant waters. As we stood there various scenes of the past year flashed before us.

We visited the churches in the Kobe area those first few weeks in Japan and were thrilled with the spirit and understanding and welcome of the Koreans. We sat on the floor in the tiny church in Toyohashi as it was dedicated to the Glory of God and afterwards joined in the feast of thanksgiving. We listened to sermon after sermon unintelligible to us. We sat with Koreans in their homes silent guests but joined by a bond which crosses even the sound barrier, a oneness in Jesus Christ. We revisited that morning some of the historic beauty spots of Japan. We walked through the temples at Nikko; we marvelled at the glorious autumn colouring of the forests; we rode past farms, tiny squares with bent figures labouring day in and day out to make a living to support homes and families; we watched as the farmers planted rice, harvested barley, weeded among the vegetables, trimmed tea plants. We lived again in the Japanese house which was our first home in Tokyo and greeted again by Mama-san and Papa-san when we came home from language school. We squirmed uncomfortably as we kneeled through the tea-ceremony.

The familiar strains of the hymn 'Jesus paid it all' brought us back to the present and as the twenty young Korean sailors sang the hymn in testimony to their baptism a smile crossed the face of the youthful chaplain who had presented the seamen after instructing them in the months they had been aboard the ship stationed at the naval base nearby. The captain, resplendent in his gold-trimmed summer khaki uniform, looked proudly down the row of blue-clad sailors. We asked ourselves, "Why did we come?" These men, the young chaplain, the captain of the Korean ship, the Korean pastor who had conducted the service, the elders and deacons in the Church are keen, consecrated, alive to the challenge of those outside the church, the Korean Church in Japan is self-governing. What then is the place and task of the missionary among the Koreans in Japan?

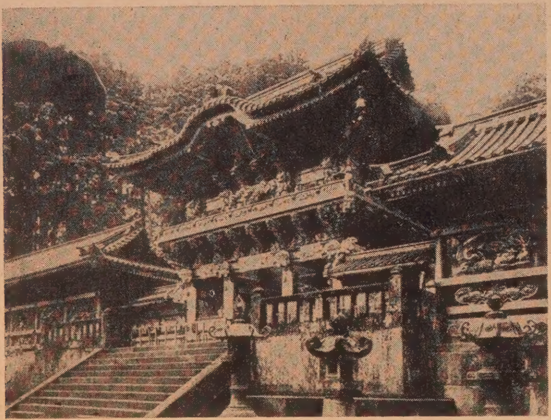
REVEREND DONALD POWELL

DR. MARION POWELL

The happy recollection of the fellowship at the language school with missionaries preparing for work in Korea carried us away again. Together we had studied and wept and sweated over the difficulties of trying to train our lips and tongues to make sounds they had never been accustomed to saying. Together we had listened to elder missionaries telling us about some of the problems facing the Christian church in Asia today. Together we had travelled through fifteen hundred miles of south western Korea. We had eaten lunch by the side of bare fort-topped hills, fearful that we might be ambushed by hidden guerrillas; we had joked as we had driven past road blocks in the gathering darkness of the evening; we had hunted ducks among the rice paddies; we had tramped through frozen fields to reach a village where no missionary had ever been before; we had seen the graves of Christian martyrs in nearly every village through which we drove; and we had thrilled to the sight of thousands of prisoners of war gathering for Bible study and prayer and shuddered at the prospect they faced of returning to Communist dominated lands.

We came back to the Tokyo Korean Church to join in the sacred Communion service as these newly-baptized sailors took Communion, united to the body of Christ publicly for the first time. 'Do this in remembrance of Me'. We stood again on the station platform, waiting for the first train at five in the morning on our way to the weekly six o'clock prayer meeting. Our hearts were refreshed and encouraged by this time of prayer and fellowship as we faced the challenge of revival in Japan. We looked inward and met in our own lives the hindrances to the working of the Holy Spirit. We saw men and women break down in confession seeking a new infilling power of the Holy Ghost. We saw the early stirrings of revival and prayed more fervently that this would be widespread throughout the church of Japan and Korea.

The closing words of the Communion service put an end to our dreaming but the challenge we faced became very real. 'Go ye into



"We walked through the temples at Nikko" all the world and preach the gospel'. Twenty-six years ago our church in Canada accepted the responsibility of the Korean minority in Japan. Today it is estimated that there are about 900,000 Koreans living in Japan. Our church is the largest group working exclusively among the Korean people but there are only about 1,000 active Christians in our churches. Where are the others? They are taking part in Communist activities, making a living by buying and selling on the blackmarket. They live in every large city throughout the islands of Japan. They live in industrial cities, in mining cities, in farming villages in educational centres. In this challenge we have the answer as to why we came to Japan. There are hundreds of thousands of Koreans who need Christ. In their longing and seeking they have turned to Communism as a hope and goal in life but Christ Himself said, 'I will draw all men unto me.' Christ can meet the loneliness and emptiness of the most unfortunate Korean in Japan, the widow who has scrounged a living selling blackmarket rice, the woman who sets up a small street stand to sell shoe polish and toothpaste, the man who lives by making and selling bootleg sake and wine, the student who carries a red banner in labor demonstrations, the child who attends a Korean school sponsored by a Communist organization, the old man who raises pigs, the young man who is a brilliant student but knows he cannot find a decent job after graduation because he is a Korean. To the disillusioned and to the hopeful, to the poor and to the rich, to the wise and to the foolish, to the student and to the merchant, to the old and to the young Christ is saying today, 'Come unto me all ye'.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

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CHURCH WOMEN GATHER IN CONFERENCE IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

by MRS. J. G. INKSTER

As we think of our own annual meeting, it is interesting to know how American women conduct their meetings.

IT was an almost unwilling, certainly an unenthusiastic fraternal delegate, representing the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada that went to the 6th biennial assembly of the United Church-Women of the U.S.A. (the hyphen is the writer's) in Atlantic City October 5th. The closing session of the ten, packed with dramatic processions, beautiful presentations of the work, addresses by top-notch speakers of the U.S. found her almost wishing herself a citizen of that country in order to be one of that army of women marching with set purpose toward their goal.

The U.C.W. is young — only twelve years of age — started by a group of women of vision, courage and initiative. Their first biennial could be contained in an hotel in Atlantic City — this, their sixth, required every inch of space of the huge convention building (second largest in the U.S.) in that city. There were 1615 full time voting delegates; the sum total, with special guests and fraternal delegates being 3337. It seemed that every delegate attended. The board-walk swarmed with them coming and going six times a day; practically every one was present through to the end of the last session on Thursday.

There was apparently an inexhaustible supply of women to fill the offices and man the committees of which there are legion. Every detail seemed to have been provided for to make for the smooth running of a tremendous and elaborate programme, beginning with the huge opening processional; 200 members of the Board of Managers of the U.C.W. representatives with a banner of every one of the 48 State Councils, representatives with a banner of each of the denominational state councils, fraternal delegates and special guests in academic and ecclesiastical robes — to the protocol required by the presence of the President of the U.S.A.— all went smoothly and apparently without a hitch.

The efficiency and poise of the eight different presiding officers were amazing. They seemed always to have the right word for every occasion and even to conduct one whole session apparently undisturbed by the erection of a huge platform directly in front of the presiding officer and the antics of eight men darting up and down dangerously, setting up the television equipment for the President's visit — until five minutes before the entrance of the President: Mrs. Wyker merely said "Let there be calm and quiet in the midst of confusion" and went on presiding over an assembly cut off from her view.

This was a biennial meeting at which reports were presented but that of the treasurer was the only one done in the traditional style, which really seems to be the necessary way for a financial report. The treasurer, by the way, was very like our own Mrs. Pye in personal appearance, in handling of finances and in attitude toward the presentation of the four main departments, Public Relations, Christian World Relations, Christian Social Relations and Christian World Missions would have been at once the envy and despair of our secretaries they were on so lavish a scale. (It seemed as well that Miss Whale was not there.)

The presiding officer was at one end of a large, luxuriously appointed stage. She was in a bower with a background of lofty palms and ferns, with beautiful flowers in front, with her own microphone of course and spotlighted as she spoke.

For Public Relations the stage was divided into four booths, each one appropriately furnished and equipped with a microphone and spotlight to present the media — lay press, *The Church Woman* (organ of the U.C.W.) radio and television.

The programme had obviously been carefully planned; its aim being to *give* a singing and praying assembly. Both goals were reached. No doubt the sense of the underlying foundation of much private prayer explains the firm conviction of the writer that this U.C.W. is a mighty, actual and potential spiritual force in the U.S.A. making for world peace and Christian unity.

Perhaps an outline of the purpose of the organization will best justify this assertion.

To quote from the U.C.W. literature: "The U.C.W. of the U.S.A. are Church Women who, with courage and consecration declare their purpose to be:

To unite Church Women in their

allegiance to the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ through a programme looking to their integration in the total life and work of the Church and to the building of a world Christian community.

They are Church women, Protestant, Evangelical, Orthodox — in local communities who work together through their denominations, through local councils of Church women and with like-minded groups in the community, on problems and issues of mutual concern.

They are Church women who work together through state councils of Church Women.

They are Church women who work together through the National Council of Churches, and its General Department of United Church Women.

Here were 3337 women in session for four days, all the powers of body, mind and soul concentrated on getting the utmost of information and uplift out of these four days packed full of powerful addresses, suggestive presentations, contacts with congenial spirits, all under-girded and permeated with the spirit of prayer.

As Mrs. Wyker said in her closing words: "they would never be the same again."

They were going back to at least 2000 local centres to disseminate that influence and the dedicated determination to work toward the fulfilment of their great purpose and to many thousand family centres the basis of all progress.

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE"

When in the darkness of this mortal night
We grope with faltering hands and go astray
Grant us, O God, the gladdening inward light
Of Christ, Who is Himself the living way

While false men forge foul weapons for their fight
And world-wide wrong now to dare the right
In love of Him Who said "The Truth am I".

Though, mad with greed, Death in his ghastly guise
Takes toll of youth and age on land and sea,
Lo, One Who suffered stands erect and cries
"I am the Life. Mine is the victory."

To us, though weak our faith, grant, Lord, we pray,
That we with spirit steadfast in the strife
May find Thy Truth and travel in Thy Way
To triumph here and win Eternal Life.

Mark Beaufoy in Life and Work.

Greetings from Australia

Miss M. Lesslie, an officer in The Presbyterian Missionary Society of Australia sends the greetings of her organization and tells us of its work.

The work of the Women's Missionary Association Australia covers various fields — Sholinghur, India; Korea, New Hebrides our own Aboriginals, and the Chinese living in our big cities.

Our Indian field is about 80 miles west of Madras, and we have 5 Australian missionaries there, besides a large number of Indian teachers and evangelists. I visited there about eighteen months ago, and was very impressed with the work. Miss McCredie, one of our missionaries is at present at home on furlough, and she is getting very interested audiences whereever she goes. Sholinghur is the largest village (about 12,000 people) in the Sholinghur area, which covers about 400 square miles and contains over 200 villages; it is beautifully set in an agricultural area, with a lake opposite the mission buildings, beyond which are lovely granite hills, but at the top of these is a very important Hindu temple; to which pilgrims frequently make their way.

The mission buildings in the village consist of a church and pastor's residence, mission bungalow, girls' boarding home, with missionary's flat upstairs, a high school, boy's hostel, and two elementary schools. Also a room in the village for women's meetings. There are, of course, churches and schools and a boys' boarding home, and missionaries' house in many of the other villages, also clinics and dispensaries in two of them. When we were there, there was a very great poverty (there always is, but it was worse then) because of the drought — the monsoons had failed for five years in succession, but there was a changing feeling towards the mission; and the church-people who previously had turned away, are now making enquiries, and even some high caste people are interested, and have allowed their children to be baptised, so the outlook is much more optimistic, if only we can grasp the opportunity.

I send you greetings from the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Miss M. E. Lesslie
19 Lindsay St.
Burwood, N.S.W., Australia

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

BUILDING HIS CHURCH

THIS year as we think of the life and task of the Christian Church around the world, we would do well to remember the beginnings of that Church and the foundations upon which it was built. How many groups have ever followed the story of the Acts of the Apostles as outlined in the booklet BUILDING HIS CHURCH?

We have heard of one auxiliary that, as it uses A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY, is using in its Services of Worship material from BUILDING HIS CHURCH. In this way the members of that auxiliary are being reminded of the beginnings of the Church and the problems of its early leaders as they study the expansion of the Church and the problems confronting the leaders of the Church today. This is a good idea and one worthy of being followed by other groups.

BUILDING HIS CHURCH was prepared with great care by the late Miss Elsie Mathieson, a former member of Council Executive, who in the introduction to the study expressed the hope, "that all who follow the course will catch something of the spiritual glow of Christianity's glad dawn; that they will make a personal response to the message so often repeated in the Acts; and that they will find their place in that divine Society in which the Spirit dwells, and which Christ does His work."

The purpose of BUILDING HIS CHURCH is to give groups a knowledge of what the apostles taught and of how the Church was built upon that teaching. It gives to those who study it an understanding of the writer of the Acts of the Apostles, of the first disciples and how through their witness Christ began the building of His Church; how the membership of that Church grew and an organized Church came into being.

To adequately share in the life and task of the Church today we need to catch again the "spiritual glow of Christianity's glad dawn", we suggest that through the use of BUILDING HIS CHURCH groups will gain knowledge and inspiration and find in it an excellent parallel study to A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.

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PLANNING A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

by MARGARET MacNAUGHTON

Regional Secretary, Manitoba Synod and Synodical

So, you have been asked to lead in worship at your next Auxiliary meeting! As you sit down, surrounded by Bibles, hymn books, the study book and that all too blank piece of paper you wonder once again.

"How can a service of worship which lasts but a few minutes take so much time and hard work to prepare?" Although worship makes up only a small part of our Auxiliary meeting, it is true there as in all areas of Christian activity that it is the most vital part of our life and work. You might well begin your preparation by asking,

What is Worship?

It could be said that worship is the conscious act of coming into the presence of God in attitude of praise and adoration. Some people speak of it as communion when God speaks to us and we respond to Him, dedicating ourselves to Him and to each other. To lead others into such a sacred experience is indeed a great responsibility.

It is necessary for those who worship that they have some experience and knowledge of God. As you lead in worship, remember that God speaks to us from the midst of the common experiences of life and when we turn to Him, we speak from the depth of our experience. The Psalmist, looking at the starry heavens, stood in awe and adoration before his Creator. Shepherds busy at their daily task, heard the heavenly message of the coming of the Son of God and hurried to kneel before the baby, hardly realizing what they did. The leper, healed by the man of Galilee, returned to give thanks. Even so, as you and your auxiliary members grow in Christian experience and faith, you will grow also in the ability both to worship and to lead in worship.

We know in some measure the One whom we worship. We know to some extent the things we want to say.

How Can We Express Ourselves Adequately?

Christ chose a child and said, "of such is the kingdom". If we would worship God let us recapture those characteristics of a small child and speak to Him with simplicity, directness and a deep sense of reality, for that is the way God chose to speak to us. God revealed Himself to men in the only way they could understand. He took a body of flesh and blood, He lived as others lived, He worked as they worked, He spoke to them in their own language that they and we might know the Heavenly Father. We are told, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." (John 1:1, 14) Those who lead in worship must speak simply and sincerely that all who hear may understand. The Directory of Public Worship* as included in the Westminster Confession of Faith advises the leader to "speak" plainly that the meanest may understand, delivering the truth, not in enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

However, simplicity must not be confused with monotony. Within the heritage of the Christian Church is a great treasure of materials and forms to enrich your group worship and it is wise to select a wide variety of each. We in the Reformed churches limit our means of worship to those commanded in the Bible being, besides the sacraments, the reading and preaching of the word, prayer and singing of hymns. But within these limits is an infinite variety of forms which never permits us an excuse for falling into a rut. In your auxiliary, you will want your Service of Worship to be marked by simplicity, a deep sense of the reality of the Presence of God and a growing appreciation of our Christian heritage in forms and practices.

There will be other questions which confront you concerning the Service; secondary but oh! so important. Let's think about some of them.

*Section "Of Preaching of Word."

1. How can I make the service of worship a unit rather than a series of disconnected "items" on the programme?

a) Choose a main thought or theme which carries through the whole service. Usually it will correspond with your study but it might also have a seasonal theme.

b) The leader and those who assist, whether as readers or soloists should do their part inconspicuously, remembering that in worship our thoughts are directed to God rather than to people.

c) Announcements, introductions and all non-essential or irrelevant thoughts should be eliminated.

d) Watch the time. The length of time will vary but fifteen minutes is adequate for worship in the average auxiliary meeting.

2. Does the Service of Worship have to be at the beginning of the Meeting?

The proper place for the service of worship is that place where it will be most meaningful. Sometimes worship prepares the group in mind and spirit for the remainder of the meeting and should be at the beginning. Sometimes the act of worship is most appropriate as a climax to the business and study of the day. Place the Service of Worship in its rightful place in each meeting.

3. What is the best translation of the Bible to use?

The Presbyterian church has never recognized one translation of the Bible as an "authorized" version. Again we gain good advice from the *Westminster Divines. "All the canonical books of the Old and New Testament shall be publicly read in the vulgar tongue, out of the best allowed translation, distinctly, that all may hear and understand." Use the version that will be most helpful to your group. You might like to try the Revised Standard Version, Moffats, Goodspeeds or the American Standard version as well as the more common King James version.

*Westminster Confession — Directory of Public Worship — section on "Of Public Reading of Holy Scriptures."

4. Is it wise to prepare prayers before the meeting?

Is it wise (or possible) to lead others into communion with God without careful preparation in every detail? Many people write out their prayers, many do not, but all need to give careful preparation and thought to them well in advance of the meeting. Prayers in a service can take one or more of the following forms:

a) *Spoken prayers* — in which the leader is the spokesman for the group.

b) *Unison prayers* — in which prayers are read together or said from memory.

c) *Litanies* — in which the leader speaks a series of short prayers, each one being followed by a response from the whole group. (You may write out a copy for each person).

d) *Hymns* — whether sung or read are often prayers and should be used as such in worship.

e) *Scripture* contains many prayers which are most approriate for today. Beside benedictions and psalms of praise and thanksgiving are petitions such as the one for wisdom and understanding (1 Kings 3:5-12), constancy of purpose (1 Chronicles 29:10-20), a Confession of Faith (Romans 8:31-39) and numerous others which you will want to use.

f) *Silent Prayers* — are an effective means of group prayer when the leader gives some guidance to the subjects.

5. How do you choose appropriate music?

Any part of the service from the Call to Worship to the Benediction can be expressed in music and you will find the best source of god music to be "The Book of Praise" or the hymn books of other denominations. In worship, always choose familiar hymns suitable to the theme. (If you want to learn new hymns, and I'm sure you do, set aside some time for that purpose.)

Make sure that all music, whether sung by the group or by a soloist is a true and worthy expression of your Christian faith. Avoid the sentimental songs which leave the group wondering, "How did that help me to worship God"?

6. Where does the offering come?

The giving of an offering is symbolic of the dedication of ourselves to God without which no act of worship is complete. Therefore a Christian group always includes the offering in the Service of Worship and dedicates it to its purpose. Usually it finds its logical place in the latter part of the service.

The task of leading others to worship God is never an easy one. It is the woman who feels at home in the presence of God, who knows the value of turning to Him often in private and public, who can best lead others to His side. May you go to your task with the poise of one who is well prepared spiritually and mentally and with the confidence of knowing that the Spirit of God will bless consecrated labour.

RESOURCES FOR USE IN PLANNING WORSHIP

1. **Bibles —**
   The Revised Standard Version
   The King James Version
   Moffats, Weymouth or other translations are valuable

2. **Hymn Books —**
   The Book of Praise
   Canadian Youth Hymnal

3. **Books of Prayers**
   The Presbyterian Book of Common Order
   The Anglican Book of Common Prayer

   Prayers for Auxiliary Meetings

4. **Stories and other helps**
   Christ and the Fine Arts, Maus a book of stories, poems and art
   Symbolism in the Evangelical Churches — Stafford

   The Gospel in Hymns — A. E. Bailey

A true-to-life story of a project Presbyterian girls are supporting. Miss Bricker saw nurses and doctors at work in India and thought they were

EXTRA SPECIAL PEOPLE

by HELEN E. BRICKER

SHE stuck thermometers in my mouth in the middle of the night, but I loved her just the same. When my head ached and the place where my tonsils used to be was throbbing, she could always make me feel so much better. And her smile and soothing hands made life a lot brighter. Yes, she was a pretty special person. Most nurses are.

In India nurses are very special people. Not too long ago, before there were many Indian nurses, most Indian people thought it would be a dreadful thing for a woman to be a nurse. Why, she would have to go into homes of people who did all kinds of dirty work! She would have to touch people who did such dirty work the Hindus called them "untouchables". She, a woman, would have to help men and boys when they needed nursing care — why it was just unthinkable! The first Indian nurses were very brave people indeed, and they were almost all Christians who did not believe that anyone was untouchable. Even today, it still requires a brave girl. Many of the nurses are Christians, and 80% of all India's nurses were trained in Christian hospitals. There is still only one nurse in India for every 48,000 people, due to the prejudice against the profession.

The morning in the Bhil village when I saw a mobile medical unit swing into action, I saw two *extra* special people. Do you know why they are extra special? Most of India's nurses work in hospitals, and have regular hours, and good conditions under which to work. They do not usually go out into people's homes. But these two nurses were doing public health nursing in a village that had never seen an Indian nurse before, but needed nursing care terribly. In fact, in just two hours they had helped Miss MacConnell, our missionary nurse, to treat ninety-one people.

Of course they were Christian girls — as all India's public health nurses are. How else would they have the faith and courage to do this work?

Do you know, we Canadian Presbyterian girls have a wonderful responsibility for these extra special people. We are going to give the money which will pay the salaries of those nurses and the medicines they use. One dollar, if sent from each of us will be divided in three, and one-third used for these Indian nurses. You remember that one-third will pay for teachers' salaries in Formosa, and one-third will pay the salary and costs of a deaconess working with a van in the Canadian west.

It is an extra special way to spend our money, isn't it?

This is the entry I have in my India diary about the morning I saw these extra special people at work. Perhaps you'd like to read it.

January 7 — Wednesday

"Mac and I rose early to drive out to one of her manifold village clinics. I found it a bit of a struggle to pull myself from bed — yet Mac does this five days a week after sleeping in different villages every night."

"We drove about an hour to a nearby village — with two Indian evangelists and with two Indian nurses. The village is entirely non-Christian — this is the first kind of Christian witness that they have received. Just as we entered the town, we pulled to the side of the road and Daniel — Padre led us in

Bruker

Miss McConnell's van in a Bhil village

a prayer that we might be used of God as a living witness to these people — that we might meet the challenge filled with His grace and love.

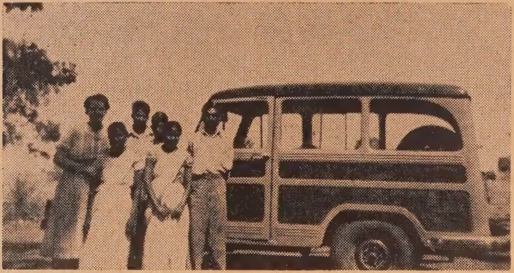
"We parked the Land Rover and took out the phonograph to gather a group of interested onlookers to hear the Hindi music.

"Then Daniel - Padre led the group of workers in a Hindi hymn, followed by a message to the group. Mac told me that he spoke to them about having brought two kinds of medicine for them — medicine for their bodies and medicine for their souls; he then went on to speak of the gospel to them.

"After the brief service, the clinic was set up. Mac interviewed each patient first and discovered what the ailment was. Then she wrote out her prescription and he passed on to the Indian nurses who gave him the medicine and instruction about using it.

"Mac treated ninety-one patients before we left for lunch about one o'clock!! Among them were people suffering from skin ulcers, from malaria, from scabies, and she had one huge molar to extract during the session!

"The Bhil people are so interesting to watch at a time like this — they can look so fierce with their bows and arrows, but they quickly warmed up to Mac's smile and her funny remarks and soon they were smiling and talking happily. This was an absolutely untouched village from the Christian point of view — what an initial impact to make upon them. To offer healing and help and the promise of its continuing — to speak of the spiritual healing and help we offer. To have the people trust our missionaries and come gladly to them. Talk about unlimited opportunities!



We drove to a village with Indian evangelists and Indian nurses. This picture was taken when Miss Beatrice Scott (left) was with the van.

A True Story

Miss Hildur Hermanson told this story to Miss Lily Macarthur who knows that Canadian children will enjoy it very much.

"Miss Hermanson, will you please come with me to a mountain village, and teach the mothers how to care for their babies, as you have been doing in this village", said Obun-ti.

Obun-ti is a Formosan pastor who speaks the Bunnan dialect, and has translated portions of scripture into the Bunnan language.

Miss Hermanson is a nurse, working in Formosa, as a Missionary, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She knew that the Bunnans love to sing, so she asked Miss Duncan, a friend, to go with her to teach the children some songs. Miss Duncan chose some hymns, and had them written in Chinese characters on white cloth, which could be hung up for the people to see.

A few days later Pastor Obun-ti took them to a little bamboo church, with mud floor, and a few benches. There was no organ. Children and grown-ups were waiting for them in the church. They loved the hymns which Miss Duncan taught them — "It is a happy song" they said. "By it we

Miss Hermanson called "Please come in."

learn that Jesus is the way to happiness. We are glad to have these hymns to sing to the people who do not yet know Jesus".

Later Miss Hermanson and her friend went visiting with Pastor Obun-ti. The homes were dirty, and the people were not happy and bright like the Christians they had met at the Church. "Please come to the church this afternoon and learn some songs of Jesus, our Saviour" said Pastor Obun-ti to some of them.

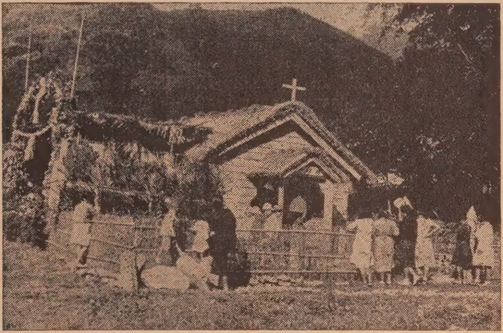
"We are too busy" said the mothers and fathers.
"Please let the children come".
They did not answer.

In the afternoon when they were gathered in the Church practising the songs some of the non-Christian children came to the gate and listened. Miss Hermanson called "lailai" which means "Please come in". They came in looking very frightened, and sat on a back bench. They listened to the singing and tried to do the motions with their hands as the other children were doing.

A young man, a Bunnan Christian, told a story, and showed pictures from a book. As the children listened their eyes became very big, and they looked eagerly at the pictures. While the story was being told a page fell out of the book on to the mud floor. A ragged, dirty little girl quickly picked it up, shook it, and handed it back to the young man. She did not know much about Jesus, but even she understood this was a precious book.

Miss Hermanson said to the young man "Please have these children come every Sunday, and tell them more stories. We will send you some books to read, and pictures to show the children.

"Thank you" said he. "I will try my best to tell them about Jesus who loves all children".



"They were gathered in the Church, practising the songs"

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — The November meeting of Gorge-Erskine Auxiliary, **Victoria,** had Mrs. Vance Brown, missionary from Haiti as guest speaker. Mrs. Brown showed slides and gave a very interesting talk on the work being done there.

Mrs. J. G. Robison was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria.** She told of her trip to Great Britain and Ireland. Special mention was made of the Presbyterian Churches there.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Anderson, Deaconess in Mount Pleasant Church, **Vancouver,** was the guest speaker for the annual Thank-offering of the Senior Auxiliary of Gordon Presbyterian Church. She gave an inspiring address which presented a challenge to every member to go forward and do better work for the Master. Mrs. R. J. Douglas thanked the speaker and spoke of this being the twenty-seventh Anniversary of the Auxiliary and said only three charter members were present, Mrs. Moodie, Mrs. H. Taylor and herself. On behalf of the members she presented Mrs. Taylor, a willing and very efficient treasurer ever since the Society was organized, with a Life Membership Certificate and pin.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Paul's, **Vancouver,** returned Mrs. J. Rogers as president for 1954. The Auxiliary is pleased to report a successful year with all obligations met and happy associations prevailing among the members.

Members of many of the auxiliaries were present at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Chinese Mission Auxiliary. On this occasion the Chinese minister's wife was presented with a Life Membership certificate and pin. The guest speaker was Mrs. Metzger, wife of the Hungarian Minister in Vancouver. Through the help of an interpreter, a wonderful Christian message was enjoyed by our Chinese women workers.

A very impressive Vesper and Candle Lighting service was held in St. Aidan's Church, **New Westminster,** by the C.G.I.T. groups. Miss Jean Blackburn led the service of worship and the C.G.I.T. choir, trained by Miss June Kelly, sang several carols. Also in attendance was a group of 20 Explorers from **Bridgeview,** where St. Aidan's Church sponsors a Sunday School and the mid-week group.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Reverend James Dickson of Formosa was the Guest Speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Banff.** He spoke of the new work opening up among the Aboriginal tribes in the mountains of Formosa.

The Auxiliary held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Peddie and elected the officers for the coming year with Mrs. E. Hiscock as the new President. They are looking forward to another successful year.

At their December meeting Knox Auxiliary, **Calgary,** closed a very successful year with all secretaries giving good reports and the treasurer's report was very gratifying. This group sustained a very sad loss in the passing of their friend and co-worker, Mrs. A. F. Inglis, who was called to her Heavenly Home December 15th. Her kindly deeds and Christian character will long be remembered in Knox Church.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. J. Kelman, President of the Edmonton Presbyterial presided at the Presbyterial Executive meeting held in First Presbyterian Church, **Edmonton.**

At this meeting it was reported that three new groups have been formed in the **Edmonton** Presbyterial—a Mission Band in **Westmount** Church, of which Mrs. O. Nugent is the leader; the Explorer group of the Strathcona Church has Mrs. N. W. Woywitka as a leader, and there is also a new Strathcona Evening Affiliated group in the Young Women's department. The President of it is Miss Molly Harback and the Recording secretary is Mrs. N. Grace. At the organization of the last group Reverend Ian MacSween was present and conducted the meeting.

A Life Membership and Pin in the Women's Missionary Society was presented to Mrs. H. Delamater at a special meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. Dunn. Mrs. H. Delamater was a past president of Strathcona Auxiliary for three years and an efficient Sunday School teacher over a number of years.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — In review of 1953 the Valley Centre Church affiliated W.M.S. group of Red Deer Presbyterial has had an active year.

On May 15th a designation service for Miss Lillian Reay of this place was held in the Church, an account of which has been mentioned in the Glad Tidings.

Mrs. L .Alexander, president of Red Deer Presbyterial, addressed our meeting on December 1st.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT PREBYTERIAL— A family complete, of all Mission Groups of St. Paul's Church, **Prince Albert,** met in the Church Hall on December 30th, 1953. The meeting also celebrated the 47th anniversary of the James Nisbet Auxiliary and the 40th anniversaries of the Lucy Baker Auxiliary and the Ephraim Scott Mission Band. Mrs. F. Dixon, President of the James Nisbet Auxiliary convened the meeting. Miss Marion Stewart of **Christina Mills Auxiliary** conducted the devotional period. The theme of her meditation was "The Consecration and beginning of a New Year." Mrs. H. K. Caslor, first vice-president of James Nisbet Auxiliary, gave interesting accounts of the organization of the James Nisbet and Lucy Baker Auxiliaries and the Ephraim Scott Mission Band and also of their 21st and 25th anniversaries. Miss Pegi Gooch, president of Christina Mills Auxiliary, was chairman for the evening's programme. Groups contributing to the programme were: the East Branch of Ephraim Scott Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. O. A. Bates; the West Branch, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Eshpeter presented a three-act play. Explorers, Junior and Senior Daughters of the Kirk, contributed songs. Rev. H. K. Caslor spoke briefly to the gathering and brought greetings from the Session of St. Paul's.

Sylvania reports that two new groups have been organized. One is an Explorers group under the leadership of Mrs. Stenhouse and the other a Mission Band with Mrs. Hainstock as leader. Both groups report active, interested membership and it is hoped that we shall hear more from them from time to time.

Rev. H. K. Caslor presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Lucy Baker Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Prince Albert.** Mrs. A. Hawkins was elected president.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — The Auxiliary of Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church, **Coleville,** held a Carol Service on December 16th. The Church was filled to capacity and the audience joined heartily in the singing of the carols. Mrs. J. H. Greene, President, conducted the meeting. The offering received, augmented Auxiliary funds. Mrs. Benjaminson was pianist.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. J. Andrews presided over the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. First Presbyterian Church, **Brandon.** This was also our Christmas meeting and "The Meaning of Christmas" was the theme of an address by Mrs. R. A. Davidson who illustrated her talk by relating part of the life story of Martin Luther, also personal experiences of the Peace River Country.

Reports by the various secretaries were very encouraging and plans completed for the Annual Christmas supper provided by the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid Society for the Sunday School children, teachers and officers.

Mrs. J. Manson, Life Membership secretary, presented Life Membership certificates to Mrs. J. Matthew and Mrs. S. C. Harrison, one given by the Auxiliary and one by an anonymous member of the Auxiliary. Mrs. J. Andrews made the presentation of Life Membership certificates to Miss Mary McKenzie and Mrs. H. S. Tackaberry, given to the Auxiliary by Mr. D. Gray in memory of his Mother, Mrs. J. Gray.

The installation of the officers for 1954 was conducted by Reverend R. A. Davidson. Mrs. J. Andrews is continuing President for 1954.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — On December 10th, 1953, a very well attended meeting of the Auxiliary W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Fort William,** was held. Mrs. R. C. Browne president, was in the chair. Reverend G. Morgan of **Port Arthur's** Sailors' Institute was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church. He gave a most interesting account of his work on the water front.

The business meeting followed and annual reports showed a very successful year.

Mrs. R. C. Browne was returned as President.

An Honorary Life Membership was presented to Miss Jean Stevenson for her faithful work in the Auxiliary, Evening Guild and Girls' organizations.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — A meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Kildonan Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. D. McRae. Before opening the meeting one minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Frank Ross, a dearly beloved member who passed away peacefully on November 13th. The President, Mrs. Cormack Smith, conducted a service of remembrance.

In continuing the meeting Mrs. J. P. Duffin reviewed briefly, the highlights of the Presbyterian training team's meeting in **Winnipeg.** It was really worthwhile hearing Miss Margaret Kennedy and other speakers, she said. Mrs. J. R. McDonald conducted the devotions. Mrs. N. MacLennan reviewed the sixth and final chapter of the Study Book, **Africa, Contrasts and Conflicts.**

The Auxiliary of Kildonan Presbyterian Church held their Annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Duffin. Mrs. C. Smith, presided, with prayer. Presentation of two life-membership certificates was highlight of this meeting. Mrs. D. W. McRae, Home Helper's secretary presented Mrs. J. McBain, a home helper of long standing with a Life Membership. Mrs. Duffin presented Mrs. McRae with a life membership for her work in the Home Helpers department.

Reverend J. Marnock was the guest speaker at the Thankoffering meeting of **Selkirk** Auxiliary. His text was taken from the book of Ephesians, Paul's preaching to the Jews and gentiles.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Miss Florence S. Baxter, Chippawa,
Press Secretary

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. W. A. Henderson of the Manse was at home to the Senior Auxiliary of **Walkerton** W.M.S. for their Annual Meeting when Mrs. Florence Rowand was returned as 1954 President. Two Mission Band leaders reported good Mission Band activity during the past year.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Alexander Bartlet Auxiliary, **Windsor**, reported 407 calls to hospital and homes during the year, with many parcels also for the Homestead and hospital. Members served Grace Hospital Committee in cutting and making 547 articles for hospital use and 33 hours went for Red Cross quilting. An

Honorary Life Membership was presented Mrs. G. N. Burrows, and Miss Jean McKerchner and Miss Ella Scott were honored during the year.

The Eleanor McKechnie Evening Group met for a Christmas Supper in St. Andrew's Church Hall and presented an Honorary Membership to Miss Rachel Bowman at this meeting. 'The Pursuit of Happiness' was the theme Mrs. William Weir chose when telling of her experiences as a Hospital Visitor, at a Christmas meeting.

Over one hundred registered for the Annual Presbyterial held in First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham,** and Mrs. Donald MacInnes, Ridgetown, is the incoming President. Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., National Girls' Secretary, was the afternoon speaker with Miss Olive Shanks, a member of Kent Presbyterial of the United Church, the evening speaker. Miss Shanks said, "The Christian religion demands great responsibilities." Her plea to all listeners was, "Go, deliver the Message." Miss Bricker deplored the loss of young people to the church through lack of organization and encouragement and stated this was a responsibility the older members have toward the young people.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Christie Church, **West Flamboro,** listened to a splendid choir of boys, and girls' Explorer Groups in uniform at a Christmas service.

St. Cuthbert's Senior Auxiliary honored Mrs. Colin Thomson in memory of their former Honorary President, Mrs. Vera Adams.

Knox Senior Auxiliary, **Burlington,** observed a moment of silence in prayerful tribute to Mrs. Allan Mitchell, Sr., who recently passed away.

Hamilton Sanitorium sent a letter of appreciation to **Ancaster** Senior Auxiliary thanking the members for visits made to patients from time to time.

Ross Evening Auxiliary, **Waterdown,** recently honored Mrs. N. Green and St. Enoch's Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** also honored Mrs. James Harkness.

Rev. G. A. Lowe gave an illustrated address on our mission work in Western Canada to Chalmers Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton.**

Cheyne Senior Auxiliary, **Stoney Creek,** had members from the Church of the Redeemer, also the United Church, as guests to hear Miss Kay Rowe, a McMaster University student, give a talk illustrated with colored slides on Baptist missionary work in Bolivia. Miss Rowe spent the past summer in Bolivia.

Mrs. Charles Carnegy entertained the Jean Moodie Evening Auxiliary of St. David's, **Hamilton.**

All members of the Alice McDonald Y.W.A., St. John, **Hamilton,** participated in a discussion following a skit on "Brotherly Love".

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Goforth Evening Auxiliary, New St. James, **London,** honored Mrs. W. H. Adamson and Miss Irene Brown for their many years of devoted service; also Mrs. Leslie J. Hardwick was honored by Elmwood Avenue Senior Auxiliary and a gift presented to Mrs. Percy Jacques upon retirement after five years' service as President.

New St. James Afternoon Auxiliary preceded their January meeting with luncheon fellowship. Mrs. J. K. West, President of London Presbyterial, was a guest at this first meeting of the new year and was introduced by Mrs. Victor Jackson. During the meeting Mrs. West challenged the members to accept the unknown and new possibilities ever opening for missionary endeavour. Mrs. J. K. West also chaired the final Executive Board meeting of the Presbyterial held the following day in New St. James' Board Room.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — **Whitechurch,** the setting for the Maitland Annual Presbyterial last spring, truly manifested a great missionary spirit. The proceeds from the dinner served made possible a gift to Mr. Angus MacKay of our India field and also provided sufficient funds to honor two **Whitechurch** members with Life Memberships.

W.M.S. Knox Church, **Ripley,** heard Rev. J. R. MacDonald give an inspiring Christmas message on "Unspeakable

Love" at their December meeting at which Mrs. J. D. Bryce, retiring President, was honored.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — Auxiliary report the splendid co-operation of all members during the year, also the presentation of Autograph Albums as Christmas gifts to seven members over eighty years of age. Muriel Emmons, of a young girls' group, was presented with a gift for her talk on David Livingston, which talk the ladies hope she may again give for the January Presbyterial Annual Meeting.

November 12th marked the 65th Anniversary of the founding of **Forest** Auxiliary. Rev. T. O. Hughes brought greetings from the Session, Mrs. G. Dewar the Presbyterial greetings and the Evening Group also brought greetings. Mrs. G. M. Young gave a challenging talk, with many cheery reminiscences, of her first experiences in missionary work.

The Elizabeth Auxiliary of **Thedford** had the "Knoxettes" of the church as guests at their Thank-offering. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKenzie of **Forest** gave a talk, with colored slides, of a visit they paid last summer to the British Isles, France and Switzerland.

Bear Creek Auxiliary held a Family Night with guests from Brigden. Mrs. Haywood, a returned missionary from China, spoke on 'Life in China', displaying many items of interest collected by her while there.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — The January Annual Presbyterial meeting was held in Knox Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Russell Ballantyne was re-elected President. Rev. F. J. Barr, Moderator of Stratford Presbytery, said "The W.M.S. is the only medium in existence for missionary education within the church." He added that he would like to ask that this educational activity be expanded throughout the church as a whole. Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., National Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, spoke of our responsibility in overseas work, telling of her visit to our fields in Japan, India, and Formosa. She also stressed the urgency of forming younger missionary groups, stating that we have a mission field right on our own doorstep. She said there should be 40,000 teen-agers in our church, but only 30% of these can be found within the congregations. Miss Bricker said that in many of our churches no mid-week activity is offered within the church for the young teen-agers and these are slipping away. She pleaded that we organize and hold the youth of our church and in this connection stated that the church in Canada will organize and launch an intermediate boys' programme this fall.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Barrie Presbyterial W.M.S. was held in January, in Essa Road Church, **Barrie,** with the President, Mrs. William McEachern of Orillia, in the chair. The devotional service was taken by Mrs. Cowan of Stroud, after which Mrs. McEachern extended a welcome to all. The Treasurer, Mrs. D. H. McNabb, Orillia, reported the allocations more than met. Because of the great need for funds and our work being extended, an increase in the allocation for 1954 was accepted.

The devotional service for the afternoon session was taken by Mrs. A. C. Steward and Mrs. G. B. Laity of Midland.

Mrs. McEachern then introduced the speaker, Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions. She chose as her text the 6th verse of the 4th chapter of Nehemiah, "So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together for the people had a mind to work," and in the 19th verse, "The work is great and large." Miss Matthews left a clear picture of the work being done by the W.M.S. across Canada, particularly amongst the Chinese and in our Indian Residential Schools.

Mrs. McEachern announced Synodical Meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Barrie, in April.

Miss Matthews conducted a most impressive service of installation for the Officers.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL—The Kingston Presbyterial, W.M.S., held its Annual Meeting on January 10th in the William Gill Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Church, **Kingston.** In spite of the bitter cold, the meeting was well attended by members of nearly all the Auxiliaries. Mrs. C. A. Smart, President, presided and welcomed the delegates. Short services of worship were led, in the morning by the Pittsburg Auxiliary and in the afternoon by the Trenton Auxiliary. Miss M. Nesbitt, Kingston, Treasurer, stated that the allocation had been exceeded. Miss J. W. MacDonald, Pittsburg, spoke of the reports. Miss Ruby Walker, a welcome visitor, made helpful comments and suggestions, expressing her concern about the general condition of girl's work. Miss T. Watt, Literature Secretary, spoke about the display of literature.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., missionary on furlough from Formosa was the guest speaker. She gave a most interesting address, speaking particularly of her health talks in Formosan churches during the past two years.

The newly elected officers were installed by Rev. Dr. Wedderburn. Mrs. Smart was re-elected President.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — The annual Thank-offering Service of the Women's Missionary Society was held in conjunction with the morning service of worship in **Woodbridge** Presbyterian Church. Mrs. H. Farr, the President, read the Scripture and then introduced Mrs. W. R. Adamson of Oakville, the President of the Western Division of the W.M.S. as guest speaker. Mrs. Adamson exhorted the members to make the best use of their God-given talents and possessions and spoke of the opportunities for worth-while service open to members at home and abroad through the agency of the W.M.S. The offering was taken by Mrs. J. Mitchell and Mrs. C. Ireland.

A Women's Missionary Society service was held at the morning worship in Dovercourt Road Church, **Toronto,** when Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., director of organization, and Miss Mary Whale, B.A., Editor of **The Glad Tidings,** addressed the congregation on the theme "The Church and the Women's Missionary Society." Members of the afternoon and the "Fidelis" Auxiliaries to the Women's Missionary Society, the Joy Bible Class, Young Women's affiliated groups and the Canadian Girls in Training groups took part in the service.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Two Mission Band Rallies were held in Brockville Presbyterial during the fall. The Eastern Section Rally was held in **Morrisburg** Church, with Bands from Winchester, Morewood and Morrisburg present. The Western Section Rally was held in **Ventnor** Church, with Bands from Brockville, Cardinal, Kemptville, South Mountain and Ventnor represented. Mrs. Gordon Blow, Presbyterial Children's Work Secretary, presided at both Rallies, which were very encouraging and revealed to the members of the Senior Auxiliaries how well the Band members repeated their Memory Scripture Verses and were reading their Bibles daily. Each Band had an item on the afternoon programme. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Eric Larsen, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. The presentation of Certificates and Seals to the children of the various Bands was made by Mrs. Charles Robertson, Synodical Children's Work Secretary.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of Glengarry Presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, **Cornwall.** The President, Mrs. Alpin MacGregor, presided. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robertson

Millar, reported the past year had been an interesting one for all Auxiliaries, with a number of outside speakers and local speakers assisting in programmes. All District Vice-Presidents submitted excellent reports and the reports of Departmental Secretaries showed marked progress and increases.

Mrs. Caldwell, Treasurer, reported that the allocation had been over-subscribed.

The Presbyterial is sponsoring another Missionary Story-Telling Contest in September, this year with two age groups, 13-15 years and 16-19 years with ten minutes allotted to each contestant for a Missionary Story on India.

A Mission Band Banner is to be competed for annually by the Bands in the Presbyterial.

Rev. Robertson Millar conducted the election and installation of officers.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Annual Meetings are the order of the day, with reports and Election of Officers. St. Giles Auxiliary, **Ottawa,** heard reports of a successful year, with the allocation greatly exceeded. Rev. Dr. J. Logan-Vencta led the devotions and spoke on the challenge of a new year. Mrs. F. Finlayson presented up-to-the-minute news. The Installation of Officers was conducted by Dr. Logan-Vencta. Mrs. N. T. Allan was again elected President.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, with Mrs. J. M. Campbell presiding, heard excellent reports presented by the various Departmental Secretaries, which indicated a successful and active year. The Officers for 1954 were installed by the minister, Rev. George Sparks.

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Mrs. Geo. McDonald, “Work in British Guiana”	100.00
Miss M. Lees, “Christian Literature”	10.00
Knox Presbyterian Church, Sudbury Towards Miss Ripley's salary	750.00
Miss E. Henderson, “Education of Louise Henderson Mangtiya”	65.00
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St. Stephens Sunday School, Ottawa, “Support of Stephen, Bhil Field”	25.00
Miss M. Weir, “Work in Formosa”	50.00
Miss Helen B. Dyer, Toronto	25.00
St. Andrew's Sunday School, Windsor, Support of Indian Girl”	65.00
Hospitalization rates from workers	42.05
Amount held in Canada on request of Missionaries	1,039.05
Interest on Bonds	450.00
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	5,300.00
Supplies	116.20
Alberta	3,868.65
Supplies	48.40
Saskatchewan	3,201.45
Supplies	127.90
Manitoba	3,282.97
Supplies	33.87
Toronto and Kingston	36,338.49
Supplies	1,245.89
Hamilton and London	38,638.89
Supplies	319.26
Montreal and Ottawa	16,094.00
Supplies	233.99
	$ 111,655.69

Disbursements:

National Missions:

Chinese in Canada	1,329.38
Hospital Visitors	546.51
Deaconesses	470.11
Children's Centre, Vancouver, Tyndale House	461.41

Port Work	194.24
Van Expenses	218.06
New Missionary	160.00
Executive Director and Stenographic Assistant	425.00
National Contingency	400.50
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	147.10
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,642.57
Birtle, Government Grant	5,224.53
Overseas Missions:	
India	
Jhansi Field	2,491.70
Bhil Field	7,996.21
Vellore	545.00
British Guiana	266.66
Taiwan	4,172.82
Training of Nationals	93.50
Missionaries Expenses	233.32
Executive Director and Stenographic Assistant	461.38
Contingency	9.50
Expansion	1,000.00
Publications	1,992.00
Administration	1,213.54
Organization	1,254.83
Supplies	739.33
Payment from Special Gifts	1,128.14
Grants	145.00
Returned to Ewart Trust Fund	135.00
Students	25.00
Visual Education Committee	1,000.00
Payments from 1952 Balance	8,850.00
	$ 46,972.34

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Receipts:

Pension and Retirement Fund

Interest	581.66

Legacy Fund

Estate of Mr. and Mrs. Kellerman, Through Knox Auxiliary, Guelph	600.00
Gift from Mrs. W. Thomson, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Neepawa	100.00
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Legacy through Drummond Hill Auxiliary, Niagara Falls, "National Work"	678.31
Legacy through Drummond Hill Auxiliary, Niagara Falls	500.00
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Interest	959.04

Special Fund	
Transferred from 1952 General Fund Balance :—	
Future visit to Overseas Fields	4,000.00
1954 Council Meeting	3,000.00
Payment on Shoal Lake Camp loan	75.00
Interest	49.51
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	224.53
	$ 11,185.05

Disbursements :

Pension and Retirement Fund	
Retiring allowance	25.00
Legacy Fund	
Interest on Permanent Endowments sent to India	109.50
Christian Literature	500.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest on Permanent Endowment sent to Bhil Field	60.00
	$ 694.50

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WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Thus far this year, the Canadian Council of Churches has received fifty-three thousand dollars for Inter-Church aid and service to refugees overseas. That was reported at the meeting of the executive Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches on Thursday. An additional eight thousand dollars is expected before the end of the year . An appeal for aid to Korea has been approuved by the Executive Committee, to be made when the time seems opportune. A special committee has been appointed to decide when and how this appeal should be made. The Government of Canada was commended by the Executive Committee for its contributions to the Colombo Plan and the United Nations Technical Aid Administration, and the Committee urged that continued and increased support be given to these and other measures of world relief and assistance to under-developed countries.

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The Power of His Resurrection

by REVEREND W. A. CAMERON, B.A., L.L.D., D.D.

Moderator General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in Canada

THE Apostle Paul never doubted the fact of the resurrection. He was a scholar who had been taught to sift whatever purported to be evidence. Yet the fact of the resurrection was at the heart of all his missionary work. As far as we know, Paul had never conversed with Jesus until that day when he met Him face to face on the Damascus road. Yet he counted that appearance as real as any that had been made to other disciples.

If you remove from the message of Paul and other Christian believers, the fact and implications of the resurrection, you take away the very foundation of their message. Indeed the Christian Church was built around that great central fact, "He is Risen".

And Paul strove to learn more than he had yet known of the power of His resurrection. That does not refer to the power by which He rose. He is not discussing that fact. He accepts the evidence that is offered in support of that as sufficient and is seeking to appreciate its effect. What he would experience in a larger and fuller way, is the influence of the fact that Jesus did rise. And in several ways that power is seen.

I As an evidence of the truth of the claims of Jesus

It is scarcely surprising that the religious leaders of His day were shocked, beyond measure, at some of the claims He made. Those claims were so stupendous that it is little wonder that they accused him of blasphemy. From the time when in the synagogue of Nazareth, He said, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears". . . . . Right to the end, He made claims for Himself which no one else thought of doing. Those who knew Him best, these men who were His constant companions, never once seriously disputed His claims. That is the more remarkable because their ideals of the Messiah, when they joined His company, were crude and materialistic.

His death seemed to show that He was claiming too much. The statement of the disciple on the way to Emmaus indicates this, "We trusted it had been he which should have redeemed Israel". We hoped, but not now. His death blasted their hopes, though not their love for Him.

The resurrection put God's seal upon His claims. There is exemplified the great truth, that death has no power to hold a life of such quality as the life of Jesus. Many times the words of a much-loved teacher come back to me. He said, "Who is there among us to limit the power of a life like Christ's over which sin never gained the mastery? The resurrection was a most important factor in changing the whole attitude of the followers of Christ. It had power to do that, to change weak, fearful, bewildered and defeated men, to brave conquering witnesses, with the resurrection of Christ at the heart of their message.

II In sustaining His servants amid life's burdens

The memory of our beloved dead means much and we are often helped by that memory. For many there are, with the memory of those whom they have loved and lost before them, who are greatly inspired thereby to be true to the highest and best as they see it. But in a world in which there are so many baffling problems, it means much if we have a living friend with whom we can take counsel. The resurrection means we have such a friend. We have not only the memory of His life, but the warmth of His friendship. And that power through which He helped men and women as He walked among them, and which none other has ever attained, has not been lessened or destroyed by death. It is a living power which is available for us, and through which we may be upheld and guided as we go our way.

III In making and renewing lives

If we are thoughtful people in any degree, we must regret the fact that in our Christian lives we seem to be making such slow progress toward higher ground. There are so many influences that cloud our vision, and weaken our wills, and generally lower our power of resistance, that we seem to be making very slow progress upward.

If we are making a difficult ascent of a mountain, it means much if there is someone above us to give us a helping hand when the going is hard. Perhaps no one in any day was a more daring climber than Paul, "reaching forth unto those things which are before — Straining forward" (R.S.V.). He was daily assaying new heights of endeavour. It meant much to him to know that Christ was standing on higher ground, reaching down His strong hand to Him.

To the one today before whom sin stands as a barrier impossible to overcome, who is conscious of having failed many times to win through temptation, there comes a message of hope. Christ lives and He stretches forth a helping hand to lift you out of the quicksand of sin and to place you on solid ground.

There is assurance too for those who have taken Christ as Master but are making slow progress toward Christ-likeness. He who transformed and revitalized the lives of those men who were used in founding the Christian faith is the same who stands waiting to supply our weakness with His strength. What He was, that He is, the Strong Son of God, ready at all times to give of His grace to those who seek it.

Prayer

O THOU Eternal Spirit, who art the God, not of the dead but of the living. By Thy power Thou didst bring from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, and hast assured us, that though we too must walk through the Valley of the Shadow, Death shall not have dominion over us.

From the darkness of the tomb, Thou dost bring us into the glorious light of the Easter morning. As the Risen Christ was revealed first to her who waited in the early morning hour in the garden, so may we, who awake early to praise Thy great and holy name, and to bring our gifts of thanksgiving, know that we have shared in the Victory of our Lord over Death. May we find that joy which Thou dost promise to those who seek Thee, though ever so haltingly.

May the power of the Risen Christ be revealed to us anew, and in a larger way than we have yet known. From this day of renewal may we go on to reveal to others of that power through which the sin which dims our vision, and weakens our wills, may be overcome. May we not forget the obligation which has come to us of being witnesses in this day, and amid the circumstances which surround us, to the power of the Strong Son of God, to save all who will come to Him, and to make of them a new creation.

In His Name we pray.

Amen.

Palmer

Resignation of Miss Helen Horne

THE Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has suffered a great loss in the resignation of Miss Helen Horne from the Council Executive. For seven years she has been a valued member of Council Executive carrying two heavy and important offices: Recording and Corresponding Secretary. Her keen interest in the Missionary enterprise and her unique gifts for organization and leadership have contributed greatly in keeping our society abreast of the rapidly changing missionary methods of today.

Few of our members have had the background of generations of active and prominent service with the society that has been Miss Horne's, her grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Shortreed, having been President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society around the turn of the century, while her mother, Mrs. H. R. Horne, was one of the "Big Four" who did so much to preserve the continuity of the society in the stormy days of 1925. Had Mrs. Horne remained in Toronto she would undoubtedly have taken her turn as President with the other members of the group, Mrs. McKerroll, Mrs. Strachan and Miss MacMurchy.

The family moving to Saskatchewan shortly after 1925, Mrs. Horne arrived opportunely to fill an even wider breach in the shattered ranks of Presbyterianism in the West, where as President of Saskatchewan Provincial, her wide experience, wise judgment and attractive personality brought new hope and initiative to the disheartened remnants of Presbyterianism.

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What Council Meeting Meant To Me

by MRS. JAMES GRAHAM

Blueberry Mountain, Alberta

For some time I had felt I would like to attend Synodical, but little did I think I would ever be attending a Council Meeting.

When I was told I had been appointed to go to the Council meeting in London, I was amazed, thrilled and I might say a little horrified. How could I, with a family, five of them going to school and two little ones at home, ever attend Council? Then, living on a farm when seeding would not be completed, it almost seemed impossible.

Some persuasion from interested members, with offers from kind friends and neighbors to keep the younger children, meant a lot — still I felt reluctant to go. Then one morning while I was working around, something seemed to strike me . . . I should definitely take the opportunity to learn more of the work of the W.M.S. . . . so preparations began.

I love travelling, meeting and chatting with people, therefore the train journey to London was greatly enjoyed. By the time we reached our destination delegates and most members of Council Executive had met and chatted together.

The Council Meetng itself is a revelation. The humble, sincere service of worship under the able leadership of Miss E. Douglas made us all feel humble and inadequate — yet resolving to put forth a greater effort in this work of ours of bringing the Light to all men.

Meeting and hearing the interesting reports of the various secretaries makes the reading of Glad Tidings much more interesting. One takes special interest in each officer, deaconess, or missionary afterwards.

The paper clippings are a great help and I do hope they are continued at Council again this year. It was stated at Council that copies of the reports and speeches and discussions were too costly to give the delegates. I think that it is possible that the delegates would gladly pay the expense of their own copies of such reports. This may not be possible but I feel if a person did not have to concentrate on getting fairly full notes, you would actually get more of a report. I saved the clippings from the London paper and found them a great help along with my notes, when I was preparing my report for the Presbyterial and other points where I gave it. Reading them over brought everything back fresh to mind.

One thing I could not help but notice among the delegates at Council was the lack of young women. Could it be that our young women are not as interested in missionary work as they might be, or perhaps it is young families that hold them back? There is a great deal that we younger women can learn from the older experienced women. It is only by working and mingling together that we may obtain that knowledge. When picking our delegates, how about giving the young women a chance to meet with the older women and learn more about the work.

To these young women I should like to say, should you have the honour of being chosen as a delegate, by all means accept it, regardless of sacrifices that you may need to make. I am sure you will come home with a greater understanding of the work and a deep satisfaction that it was well worth while.

Thou wilt not turn Thy face away
From those who work Thy will,
But send Thy strength on hearts that pray
For strength to serve Thee still.

NEWBOLT.

RESIGNATION OF MISS HORNE

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Brought up in such an atmosphere it would have been strange if Miss Horne had not developed marked ability and interest in the Women's Missionary Society. While in the west she was active in auxiliary and presbyterial work and for several years was treasurer of Saskatchewan synodical.

It is only the necessity of taking a full time position that has forced Miss Horne's resignation from the work so dear to her.

Miss Horne will be sadly missed in the Council Executive and throughout the Society.

(MRS. J. G.) ALICE INKSTER

Has Our View Of Missions Grown Static?
Are We Blind To Changing Situations?
Miss Pelton Pictures For Us a - -

New Day In Christian Missions

by LAURA K. PELTON

HOW does one talk about the needs and emphasis of the Church's mission today without appearing to break with the past?

When the necessity for radical change compels us to reconsider a movement as old and honourable as the Christian mission we are inclined either to forsake the past completely and throw all its achievements on the scrap heap, or, with a mistaken sense of loyalty and values, cling to it sentimentally and shut our eyes to the situation as it exists today.

We should like to avoid either of these. As simply and clearly as we can let us examine what we mean by the new day in Christian missions.

The Traditional View

When we committed ourselves first to Christian missions we thought primarily in terms of what the missionaries were doing. We felt that they belonged to us and our conception of the mission overseas was almost exclusively a matter of our own fields and our own missionaries. We often pictured them breaking new ground and presenting the Word of God in the expectation that men, women would be won from their non-Christian religions to Christian faith.

There were different departments to our work which we called evangelistic, medical and educational. When our missionaries returned from their fields on furlough we wanted stories from them about their work.

That was actually pretty much the picture. Was there anything wrong with it? No, but it is not the picture today or should not be. To say that is not to forsake the past nor to offer any criticism of it. It is simply that we must endeavour to see the picture now as it is and should be today. We shall endeavour to do this as simply and briefly as possible.

First of all we should think of our missionaries, not so much as part of ourselves and our church at home, but as working within a church whether it be India, British Guiana, Japan or Taiwan. We should remember that they have a loyalty to the church within which they work and further remember that these churches are as much a part of the Church of Christ throughout the world as is The Presbyterian Church in Canada. They have their own policy, terms of reference and aspirations. The effective missionary today does not seek to upset all their ideas but rather to give what leadership and guidance his national colleagues will accept.

This means that the day of the pioneer missionary has surely past, that young people who go to the overseas field today go as colleagues of Indians, Taiwanese or Koreans as the case may be. It means, further, that as they go to a church which is in existence their work is not so much a matter of making converts, rather it is enabling the young church to perform its own task of evangelization. The history of the Church gives ample evidence that a Christian Indian is far more effective in winning Indians to the Christian faith than a missionary from another country. When seeking results of the missionary's work today we do not ask how many converts he had made. Our question should be "What of the church where you are working? Is it growing in a sense of responsibility toward the non-Christians in its own land? Is it developing its own leadership? Is it becoming more independent of foreign help? Is your presence in their midst accelerating their maturity or are you the kind of missionary who wants to run things and are you stunting their growth?"

We have come now to the point in Christian missions when we can no longer speak of *our work* in the same terms as we did twenty-five years ago. If we believe that the Church is one in the sense that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body and that in Him all branches of the Church have a common task which requires to be performed in a spirit of unity, understanding, reciprocal aid and assistance, then what is *our work?* Shall we be specific? Viewing the Church in this fashion and realizing that God's sacrifice at Calvary was for the whole world, in what sense could the Helen Macdonald Memorial School at Jhansi, the mobile clinics on the Bhil field or the work of our missionaries in Taiwan have more personal and vital meaning to us than the Christian Medical College, Vellore, the Allahabad Agricultural College at Allahabad, or the work of Jorges Mota among the students in Latin America, to each of which we give a grant?

This does not mean that we should by one iota minimize our responsibility to the fields in India, Taiwan, etc. It means that wherever and however we participate in the mission of the Church abroad, the work is ours. If our loyalty to Christian missions depends upon our personal interest in an individual missionary then it is less than loyalty to Jesus Christ.

The mission today requires mobility, adjustments, co-operation on the part of missionaries on the field. Unless we are prepared to move from a position which was valid twenty-five years ago but which now is null and void, we shall not strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ in the world today.

Easter Morning

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer:
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
Of her Master, cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say:
"Christ has risen on Easter Day!"

Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893.

Some time ago we asked Miss Marion Williamson and Miss Margaret Leask to tell us about the students who are being helped by special gifts from Canada. MISS WILLIAMSON writes about the girls who go from the Bhil field to the Helen Macdonald Memorial School at Jhansi for senior education; MISS LEASK about several of the Jhansi girls who are taking professional training.

Future Leaders In India

THIS is the time of year when we welcome home our students from 'outside', and this year we had six girls at Jhansi in 9th and 10th class.

The two 10th grade or Matric class girls have written their examinations but we do not know the results as yet. However, we have entered them in a teacher training class which the United Church of Canada are starting again after a lapse of some years. They are giving a 2-year course and hope to meet the government requirements and so be able to give their graduates a certificate recognized by the State. We are not particular about that. We do not take any State aid. Our girls will want to serve here in their home district.

The two who will go for training are Annie Khunji and Julianna Tezlo. Annie is the daughter of a former teacher, who died some years ago, and Julianna is one of the daughters of our pastor. The two girls are cousins. They are both fine girls. They have chosen to be teachers and they have many good qualities which should make them useful workers in the years ahead.

The four who passed from 9th to 10th this year are Lois Cyril, Aksa Tezlo, Chandraprabhu Chandan Khan and Louise Mangtiya.

Lois is a daughter of the Jobat driver and is a sister of Persis who has been taking the Laboratory technician's training this year. She says she wishes to be a public health nurse, but she is young and has a long way to go and may change her mind. Her mother was a nurse and in fact still does duty at Jobat Hospital.

Aksa is a daughter of our pastor and if she follows the rest of the family she will be a teacher. Two of her sisters teach here in Amkhut and one is a teacher in the Methodist Mission at Jubbulpore. One sister is a nurse. One brother is an evangelist and one a teacher.

Chandraprabhu is the elder daughter of one of our teachers, a widow, whose husband died some years ago. There are three children in the family and a younger sister and brother are still in school here. The mother is a trained nurse and we send her to take care of midwifery cases when she is called and often she helps us out when sick people come and we have to find some one to help in a hurry. She lives in our compound.

This picture was taken some time ago. Lois Cyril is on the left, Persis Cyril on Right, Annie Kunji second from right.

Louise was the first baby born in the Jobat Maternity ward and got her name from Mrs. Henderson who gave the money for the ward and also at the present time she is being supported on a scholarship given by Miss Henderson. Louise will no doubt choose nursing as her mother was a compounder, her father a compounder who served many years in Jobat Hospital, and a sister trained as a nurse.

The four mentioned are the first graduates of our Amkhut 8th class and were all good students. Of course as they go higher more fall out, but we have hopes that these girls will complete their matriculation and take training either in nursing or teaching.

All the girls we send for higher education are of course the best we have and ones to whom we look for leadership in the future.

Of course, not one of these girls could get the education we are giving them if they had to depend on their own resources. Economically the Bhils are poor and while the parents of these girls are a bit better off than some, still they could not meet the cost of higher education.

We need the teachers, nurses, compounders, etc. and so the money spent now is an investment for the future.

All our day school teachers, and many other workers are also our Sunday School teachers. Of about twenty Sunday School teachers here in Amkhut, fourteen are the day school teachers. It also holds true in our other stations, the day school teachers give of their time and talents in the Church and Sunday School.

The Jhansi Girls

I THINK you have heard from Pushpa Moti Lall before. She is the daughter of the pastor in the Jhansi Church and she is in her final year of medical training in Ludhiana. She is very enthusiastic about her medical course and writes very interesting letters about her activities from time to time. I have asked her permission to quote from some of her letters.

"I gave anaesthesia for the first time on the 6th December. I was interested in the operation. He was my patient. You know I gave and he was completely under, then my mind went to the operation and forgot that and the patient came out half. Doctor scolded me nicely and I had to pour and pour till he was under again. Operation was Lepteratomy — abdomen opening." (Pushpa is especially interested in surgery.) "It was an interesting operation. The operation I saw but I got scoldings and so I will never go off anywhere in mind when I am supposed to be the anaesthesist."

"To-day we had medicine clinical. Usually I hide behind because in front of all I cannot speak and unfortunately I was caught to-day. I had to ask the history of the case in Punjabi (Hindi is Pushpa's mother tongue) and do all examination and give my diagnosis for the case. Oh! you can very well imagine my first reaction. But I had to do it. I started with my half broken Punjabi, asked the history, did all examination. It was too cold and so the patient refused to cooperate. I had the most awful trouble in making her lie down for the chest and abdomen examination. But I did. My findings were right. Diagnosis was correct. It was a pleurisy case with fluid."

Nalini Nichols and Elsina Hari Singh have just completed the first year of their nursing course in the Methodist Mission Hospital in Vrindaban, U.P. As both girls completed their high school course before entering training they will qualify for a first class nursing certificate and be eligible for postgraduate work later on. Both girls are enjoying their work. Soon after beginning the course Nalini wrote as follows:

"There are seven new girls who have come to take the training here and all the girls come from different places. Just now I am doing some work in the compounding room. I am doing my work very faithfully. I am very happy here. . . . Please pray for us that we may do our work nicely."

Elsina's home is in Isagarh. She comes from one of the old families there. Nalini's home is in Central Provinces (M.P. now). She has had all her education in the school in Jhansi, her aunt being a teacher on our staff for many years. One vacation Nalini spent her time doing adult literacy work.

There is a great need in India for well-qualified Christian nurses both in Mission and Government hopitals and we trust that these girls will make a worthy contribution.

Sylvina Benjamin has been taking a laboratory technician's course in Nadiad. We have had good reports of her from the missionary in charge. — "She has done very well and worked hard. I have enjoyed having her in the class. You will notice a big difference in her. She hardly spoke at all when she came, now she conducts our worship service very nicely, in English. I think she will make a good technician." Sylvina is from Jhansi.

These are the girls who have been receiving help from the Elizabeth Burns' fund for medical training for Christian girls in India. Six girls who are in the Helen Macdonald School in Jhansi have been receiving bursaries from Canada. One teacher, Miss S. K. Singh (she is from Isagarh) is working toward her B.A. with mathematics as one subject. She is our mathematics teacher and we are anxious for her to be fully qualified in this.

Ida Williams (of Jhansi), who graduated from our school last year is receiving help with her course in Home Science at Allahabad Agricultural Institute.

SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS

by Frieda E. Matthews

The Fourth of our Seven Synodical Presidents is

MRS. W. J. KIRKPATRICK

ALBERTA

TO her office as President of Alberta Synodical of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) Mrs. Kirkpatrick has brought a wide and varied experience in other organizations in the city of Red Deer. At the present time she is a Trustee in the Royal Purple Lodge and a Director of the Burns Club, having been President of the Burns Club from 1947 to 1951. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, too, has shown a keen interest in the welfare of the children of Red Deer, taking an active part in the Home and School Association of which she was President in 1947.

From 1940 to 1945 Mrs. Kirkpatrick was President of the Home Comforts Air Force and Navy Auxiliary. Sad bereavement came to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick in the loss of their only son, Jack, while serving in the armed forces in World War II.

The birthplace of Mrs. Kirkpatrick was Creetown, Scotland, where she attended Public and High School also Business College. After her marriage she came to Canada to establish her home here.

In the Church in Red Deer Mrs. Kirkpatrick has always been a very active member and, as Senior Auxiliary President and Presbyterial President, she has gained an understanding of the responsibilities of an office-bearer.

Those who know Mrs. Kirkpatrick well think of her as a kind friend, one who is devoted to the work of the Church and in this devotion is willing to serve in whatever capacity to which she is called.

May Thy love possess us wholly
Till our love be love indeed,
And we stand beside our brethren
In the valley of their need.

R. B. Y. SCOTT

National News Notes

The three graduate deaconesses, who will be incharge of the Missionary Vans this summer, are Miss Lillian Reay, Miss Muriel Judd and Miss Ellen Douglas. The latter two appointments are temporary. In the Autumn, Miss Douglas will return to her appointment in Vancouver and plans are being made for a furlough for Miss Judd.

The summer appointees are –

Miss Joanne Tillisch, second year student Deaconess, appointed to Westminster Presbytery, British Columbia.

Miss Lois Powrie, first year student Deaconess, Assistant to Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port Receptionist, Montreal and Quebec.

MISS DOUGLAS Palmer

MISS JUDD Palmer

Miss Joyce Pearsall, first year student Deaconess, to work with Miss Ellen Douglas in Rocky Mountain House area.

The two Van Assistants for the Peace River are Miss Dorothy Preisler, first year student Deaconess, and Miss Lauraine Elder, of Grande Prairie.

The enrolment at each of our Indian schools at Birtle and Kenora is now 158. Teachers will be needed at both schools in September. Applications and enquiries should be sent to the Principals of the schools or to the Candidates Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society. F.E.M.

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Mr. Andrews, who has served as principal of Cecelia Jeffrey Indian School, realizes how little we know our Indian people. Pointing out our lack of knowledge he helps us —

Toward A Better Understanding Of The Canadian Indian

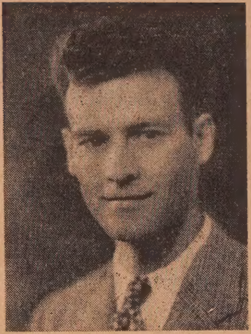
by Reverend J. C. E. Andrews, B.A., B.D.

WE know, actually, more about our mission work among the Indians than we do about the Indians themselves. We need to know the Indian better in order to plan our missionary strategy for the future on a broader anthropological basis and with deeper wisdom than we have sometimes shown in the past. How can we preach the Christian Gospel effectively into a situation which so many of us at best understand only dimly? Perhaps I can help you to understand the Indian — as he was and as he is, and as an object of our missionary activity — a little better.

Most people tend to think of the Indian, perhaps, as a victim of past injustice, as a primitive savage, as lazy and shiftless, dishonest, undependable as a worker, wasteful, a squatter and a sponger, as a thief, even, not very clean, and a little stupid. Finally, we have been filled up with the notion that there is no use doing anything much for the Indian, least of all educating him, because he will only return to the reservation anyway to dangle his feet in the water. Such notions, hopelessly mixed-up and uninformed, and therefore fundamentally false, point up sharply the extent to which we have failed to understand the Indian and his problems. Yet most of these notions have just enough truth in them to keep them alive, though certainly no more. Let us take a look at these ideas—all too general among white people—dealing with them one by one and in more or less detail as they seem to require. At the same time we shall keep in mind our obligations, as a Church, to the Indian, and our part in the missionary task.

The Beginning

To begin at the beginning, was the Indian the victim of unjust treatment in the past? This question is much too complicated to answer with a simple yes or no. Not all Indians were similarly treated in all places at all times by all white people. We need to keep in mind the widespread geographic distribution of the Indian and his culture. He was by no means confined to what are now the United States and Canada. He ranged over two full continents and occupied the adjacent islands. In some places he had developed mighty and magnificent civilizations. Since the beginning of European expansion in the fifteenth century the Indian has, sometimes, and in some places, been the victim of indignity, cruelty, deceit, and the target even of systematic and deliberate campaigns which had as their aim the eventual extermination of his person, his religion, and his culture. Yet all of this needs to be seen in the larger perspective within which it properly belongs. Civilizations spread havoc when they are on the move, and Western civilization was no exception. But the movements and havoc of civilizations on the move are not subject to the conscious control of any man or nation.



REV. J. E. ANDREWS

Canada may be justifiably proud of her record in her dealings with the Indians. Her record is not spotless, of course, but it is the cleanest in the world. A foremost authority on Indians pays tribute to the Canadian record when he says, "It means much that there is one Commonwealth in the Western world — there is only one — which from beginning to end has shown moral integrity in dealing with Indians and has kept the faith". It is to Canada that this authority refers.

From the Indian Point of View

Yet, let us try to see this whole situation in somewhat the way the Indian himself must see it. The initial contacts between white men and Indians were marked by cordial welcome on the part of the Indian. This situation was short-lived, however, in most places. Gradually the Indian came to sense in the white man a new and subtle kind of enemy whom he did not understand, a slave-raider, a cunning bargainer who rarely lost a bargain and often took unfair advantage of the Indian. Even the Pilgrims, sincere and godly men that they were, tended to regard the Indian merely as a savage, and therefore not a person in the true sense of the word. Mutual misunderstanding, suspicion, fear, lack of communications, the language barrier, all of these and many other factors made difficult and often tragic the early relationships between white men and Indians. What looks like simple unfair treatment of the Indian was more often, perhaps, much more akin to mutual misunderstanding between two groups which had few if any cultural elements in common.

Take, for example, the matter of European imperial and commercial expansion to which I referred only a moment ago. To us it appears as a phase of history, a natural outcome of the growth and spread of Western civilization. To the Indian the picture looks vastly different indeed. So far as the Indian was concerned, it was not the Spaniards, the Dutch, the Portugese, or the English, who brought his Golden Age to an end, but the appearance of the white man without regard for his nationality. The white man, moreover, was often motivated by interests which were incomprehensible to the ~~white man~~ Indian. In the matter of land, for example, the philosophy of the two groups was as opposite as anything could be. The Indian believed in communal ownership. This idea was so much a part of his concept of the fundamental nature of things that the Indian was, in fact, very slow to realize precisely what it was the white man was after. Even when he ceded his land by conquest or by treaty, the Indian could not really believe that the white man was serious when he thought of land as a thing which could be divided among individuals or exploited for individual gain. The Indian knew his lands were gone, of course, and gone forever, but his capitulation was really a kind of tentative compromise in the face of a situation which he did not understand.

Both white men and Indians tend to feel that unjust treatment of the Indian was much more universal than it actually was. To understand this from the viewpoint of the Indian we need to try to grasp the sense in which the Indian "memory" differs from our own, because it does, you know. We single out in memory those events which have a more or less direct bearing on our lives as individuals. The Indian, however, retains in memory rather the general trend of events which affected the life of the race or tribe as a whole. As a nomad, moreover, he carried his memories and tribal lore wherever he went, back and forth across our international and political boundaries, which had no meaning for him, not distinguishing treatment in one place from treatment elsewhere. His memory was not individual so much as racial and tribal. The Indian has no conception of history as a procession of events and movements one of which leads on to some new development. He shares rather in a colossal storehouse of racial lore, in which events have been all churned up together, and have solidified into a kind of general traditional impression that he was "done in" by the white man. What the Indian remembers is that as a race he was steadily losing ground before the onrush of the great white tide.

Finally, we may note that European expansion was followed or spearheaded by hordes of predatory adventurers. Such men operated singly or in small groups, and were motivated solely by self-interest; they were without moral scruples, irresponsible. They managed to remain beyond the reaches of whatever law had been established, and frequently broke faith with natives who had befriended them. Such men frequently established the earliest contacts of white with native populations, and provided distasteful introductions to the main advance of white civilization still bringing up the rear. In search of fertile lands, game, or gold, they left behind them a trail of suspicion, disrespect, and bad feeling, often prejudicing the natives against white civilization in advance of its arrival. Frequently they ruined years of patient work by sincere officials, traders, and other settlers who with wisdom and sympathy had established friendly and mutually beneficial relations with native peoples. Though their percentage of the total invading population was small, the havoc wrought by such men is inestimable; its consequences have been far-reaching and enduring, and to this day we continue to reap the ugly results of it in our relations with the Indians.

The Culture of the Indian

Again, was the Indian merely a "savage"? We can no longer draw the sharp lines we used to draw between savagery and civilization. The development of the sociological sciences has seen to that. We now understand that "savage" societies were in reality extremely complex civilizations possessing all the essential elements of culture known to us. Primitive cultures were extremely delicately adapted to the conditions out of which they grew; all their component parts were exquisitely balanced and adjusted in relation to each other; their social, economic, and religious functions were so inseparably intermingled that no clear distinctions may be drawn among them.

To upset one aspect of such a culture might easily mean to precipitate the disintegration of all the others. To destroy or suppress the idols or rites employed in a native vegetative cult, for example, could never be merely a religious act with only religious consequences. It might also result in the more or less complete collapse of the native economy and the disorganization of the internal structure of the native society. We may think that there is no connection between the magic rites of the primitive rainmaker on the one hand, and the natural phenomenon of rainfall on the other. But primitive life is shot through with the conviction that intensity and concentration of the human will is able to move the forces of nature. This is magic, of course, but it performs in primitive societies many of the functions of relatively highly developed scientific techniques in more advanced cultures.

Or take the suppression of the Sun Dance among the Plains Indians. This festival was the only cohesive force holding tribal organization together. At its conclusion the participating groups dispersed to the buffalo hunting grounds with their sense of tribal unity and well-being renewed, to remain separated for the rest of the year. While the suppression of this festival eliminated certain abuses, and kept the Plains Indian, no longer a hunter, but now a farmer, in his fields during the ploughing season, it also contributed substantially to the disintegration of the tribal system upon which the life and culture of the Plains Indians largely depended.

These two illustrations should help to make it clear that such features of primitive life are to be treated lightly only at the peril of possible disastrous consequences to the culture, happiness, and even physical welfare, of the people involved. Yet, does this mean that Christianity is to be expected to adapt itself to, or to adopt, elements of primitive culture which are incompatible with true Christian faith? That Christianity is not to be expected to transform the way of life of those to whom it goes? By no means. It does mean, however, that it is the responsibility of the Church and of the missionary, insofar as it is humanly possible, to know exactly what they are doing when they set fundamental cultural changes into motion by the preaching of the Christian Gospel. In order to preach the Gospel effectively, that is to say, we need to know all we are able to learn about the situation into which it is preached. The Gospel must be interpreted in terms of the culture to which it is brought, which is not at all the same as to say that its truths are to be distorted by adaptation to pagan beliefs and practices. Otherwise its fate will be to fall upon uncomprehending ears, to be no more received or understood than a foreign tongue. To learn the spoken language of his people is only one of the tasks of the Christian missionary. He must also learn to speak and think in terms of that broader language which is their culture and their way of life. Only then can he preach the Christian Gospel to his people in terms which will have real meaning for them.

It would be a very grave error indeed if we should conclude from all of this that it only goes to prove that the Indian was merely a primitive savage. Or worse yet, that it proves he is still so. The Indian has come a very long way indeed in the last century and a half or so, and for this the Churches need not be backward in taking perhaps a major share of the credit. Yet, we should make a graver error still if we should fail to recognize the simple fact that the Indians with whom our Church works today are removed from primitivity, in as pure a form as it is to be found anywhere in the world, by only a very few generations — in some parts of the country by only two or three generations at most. Primitive motivations and customs, or vestiges of them, still play a very important — even essential — role in the life of the ordinary Indian today.

Note — *Mr. Andrew's Study on the Canadian Indian will be continued in the next issue of "Glad Tidings".*

An Indian elder

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

NO MAGIC CARPET

by Helen E. Bricker

"HERE is your gateway to the faraway East, where faces and places are different, but where East and West meet in the common bonds of mutual respect and Christian fellowship." These words conclude the brief summary given of NO MAGIC CARPET on the inside of its paper jacket.

It is of particular interest to Canadian Presbyterians that this "gateway to the faraway East" is opened for us by Helen Bricker, National Girls' Work Secretary of our Church. Without benefit of a "magic carpet" Miss Bricker carries us with her as for four lively months she visits Japan, Formosa and India, where she found it was "never far between one Christian friend and another." She may not have had a "magic carpet" but Miss Bricker had open, eager eyes and a sympathetic interest in what she saw, her readers benefit from her interest and enthusiasm.

As we go along on this journey we are constantly reminded of the struggle between the old way and the new in these ancient lands — the old is passing away, the question — What will take its place? In Japan we are particularly interested in the plight of the Koreans among whom our Church works and are encouraged by our visits to churches and church schools where we find that "The Christians are not doubtful about their goals in life, nor are they dogged by hopelessness." In Formosa there is "so much that a Canadian visitor finds intriguing and colourful — a happy place to visit and explore — an overcrowded lifeboat afloat in a troubled sea." As with Miss Bricker we explore our Church's work there we see the difference Christ makes in the lives of those who follow Him and we agree with her when she concludes — "for me there are no doubts about the Formosan Church. My only question mark is whether we will muster what it takes to help make their future what it can be."

In China we get a glimpse of the Third World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, which was the object of Miss Bricker's journey, and with her go from there to visit Vellore, the Women's Christian College in Madras, and our own Church's work in Jhansi and the Bhil Field. Through her eyes we see India, "The Hinge of the Future" — that which is beautiful, that which is not, and again the "so few" whose responsibility it is to "win so many".

As we think of the world mission of the Church in this study year, NO MAGIC CARPET comes to us at a very opportune time to help us see that Church, that Christian fellowship, which circles the world.

NO MAGIC CARPET by Helen E. Bricker, price to individuals $2.75 (a special price may be secured from the Literature Department if the book is to be used in a study group.)

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Are living conditions in India as bad as the study book describes? Are the head hunters in Formosa really able to build their own churches when our Church has difficulty in making even minor repairs? These questions had been raised by the auxiliary members during their study.

It was then that someone suggested that if it were possible to see the situations it would help them in their study.

This offered a challenge to the programme committee. Were there other ways of presenting facts and arousing interest? After investigating possible ways they decided to use Visual Aids. They wrote to the Visual Education Department, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George Street, Toronto, for a catalogue of moving pictures, slides and filmstrips. This proved to be a rich source of material, for there was a large selection from which to choose.

As plans progressed the members of the committee realized that there was more to be done than just choose the right material, so they determined to learn the best way of presenting it. This is what they discovered:

There are several types of projected Visual material.

(a) Two types of slides are available each using a different projector. The standard size – 3¼ x 3¼ are usually black and white, and the 2″ x 2″ slides are coloured photographs.

(b) Filmstrips are a series of still pictures arranged on a long piece of film. Most projectors that show 2″ x 2″ slides can also be used for filmstrips.

(c) Films.

A manuscript telling the story and suggesting ways in which the pictures can be used is sent with each set. Slides and filmstrips often have the advantage over films in that the pictures can be left on the screen for closer study.

Prepare for Showing Pictures

Showing pictures requires skill which is not difficult to learn when the following suggestions are observed: Plan to make the best use of the room. Pictures are much clearer in a dark room, so check to see that lights can be turned out and blinds or curtains can be pulled to eliminate glare from day light or street lights. Check the ventilation, for people get sleepy if in a dark and poorly ventilated room for too long a period. Check room for outlets and the need for extension cords. Provide a flash light for reading script. Better still, a small light plugged into a three way outlet on the extension cord eliminates the light bobbing around when the flash light is held in the hand. Arrange seats so that all people can see. If beaded screen is used do not place seats too far to the sides, for the pictures will be distorted. The best place for projection is from the back of audience. Be sure that no one is sitting directly in front of projector to cast a shadow on the screen. A narrow aisle down the centre prevents this. Or else place the projector on a high table.

Screen

Different kinds of screens are available. Beaded screens, which are often called daylight screens, give the most brilliant pictures. If you can't secure one of these, light painted non-glossy walls make a good substitute. Sheets absorb too much light and are not recommended.

Preview the Pictures

One of the most important steps that the leader should make in preparation is to preview the pictures. This gives her an opportunity to know what is in the material. She can discover special points of interest and suggest questions which will be either raised or answered by the pictures. It is important that the leader be very familiar with the script, for poor reading can ruin the whole programme. If one person is running the projector while another reads the script be sure to practise together so that timing will be correct. Arrange with someone to turn the lights off and on at the right time.

Plans an introduction to use before showing the pictures. This will help the group know what they are going to see and how it is related to their own interests. When discussion follows the showing it is often wise for the leader to sit down as a member of the group rather than stand at the front. The others will take part more freely.

Thoughtful planning is needed in order to secure the greatest value from visual aids. They should not be used exclusively but when used wisely will arouse the interest of auxiliary members, give information of life and work in other countries, and stimulate further study and action. This last is important if the group wishes to accomplish anything worthwhile.

With this information at hand the committee proceeded to plan its meeting. The results were so exciting that they decided to try it again when more baffling questions were raised. They found too, that slides could be used effectively in a service of worship. It was indeed a good year.

Their advice to other groups would be: "Use visual aids wisely and well. Add colour to *YOUR* meetings!"

A few visual aids to use with this year's study:

2 x 2 Slide Sets (Colour) Free rental. Mailing charges paid by group.

THE CHURCH IN FORMOSA — 44 slides

FORMOSAN ABORIGINES — 49 slides.

INDIA CALLS — 41 slides

Filmstrips Rental as indicated.

SUNDAY AROUND THE WORLD — 75 cents

16 mm Sound Films Rental as indicated

A PEOPLE WITHOUT FEAR — (Black and white. Sound) 28 minutes. $8.00

Deals with the ongoing programme of the church in postwar Germany, Russia, the Near East, India, the Philippines, and Korea.

OUR BHIL FIELD — (Colour. Silent) 30 minutes $2.00

The work of our own church among the Bhils of India.

OUR JHANSI FIELD — (Colour. Silent) 30 minutes $2.00

A film showing the work of our church in the Jhansi field.

FORMOSAN ASSIGNMENT — (Colour. Silent) 55 minutes. free

A splendid silent film depicting the work of our church in Formosa.

Easter In The Holy Land

Miss Margaret Kennedy invites you to Imagine yourself travelling with Ruth of the Old Testament Days through Palestine at Easter Time.

Dear Girls:

Have you ever tried to imagine what it was like for that young girl Ruth about whom we read in the Old Testament that she left her home and her people and came to live with her mother-in-law amid strangers in the foreign land of Palestine? You remember a rich landowner, Boaz, fell in love with her, she became his wife and her great grandson was the famous King David. I was thinking about that young Ruth last April 27th, as on that day, I stood on the road leading to Bethlehem and looked down the valley to a green patch — the fields of Boaz! Why, this was a real place, and Ruth must have been a real girl, with feelings and hopes just like you have, as she walked up and down the fields picking up the grain that was left lying! At the end of the day she must have walked up to this very hill to Bethlehem and perhaps the town looked much as it does today with its flat-roofed and mud-walled homes. But what of those houses half-way up the hill which form a village called Shepherds' Town? This is a name that was given long after Ruth's time. I wonder, did our friend Ruth partake of the joy up in Heaven when the angels told the shepherds on these hills that Jesus was born to Mary, the young girl from Nazareth who came of David's family, perhaps some 1200 years after Ruth?

If we could bring Ruth back to Palestine today, there are indeed many new things we would need to show and explain to her, even though the hills, the lovely flowers, the mud-walled villages are much the same as when she was here. I do not suppose she ever went as far away as Nazareth and never saw the lovely blue lake of Galilee, but today you could take her by car in one day from Bethlehem to these places. Of course, you'd have to go by way of Jerusalem, and here you could find the place where there was once the Pool of Bethesda. In an Entrance Porch the story is written in 135 languages of how a man was healed here such as is told in St. John's Gospel (Can you find the story?) Ruth might certainly be surprised to know that people who spoke 135 languages had learned about this that had happened in her own small adopted country. On the other hand Ruth might be the one to question you and ask, "But has it taken nearly 2000 years for you to tell the people all over the world that Jesus came to bring them back to God?" "Yes, Ruth", you would need to answer, "and the job isn't finished yet."

You could then take Ruth down the hills west of Jerusalem, up the coastal plain, along the Plain of Sharon until after some time you would come to a long, squat hill, Mount Carmel! You could tell Ruth that many years after her great-grandson David died, a mighty man called Elijah took his stand for the truth of God against all odds on this hill. (Can you find this famous story in I Kings?)

How Ruth would love Nazareth (a 2 hour ride from Mt. Carmel) with its ring of gentle hills, the rich darkness of cypress trees, the old narrow streets and Mary's Well. Yes, this was where that young village maiden came to draw water, she who was chosen among all women and girls to take care of that little Babe from Heaven. How God must have loved that young girl with her pure strong mind, and how He still loves girls such as you are today and wants to be counted in your lives.

If your time should be short in Palestine, you could not stay too long in Nazareth but you would want to go up over the eastern hills, then down the long road until you would catch the glimpse of a deep blue gem nestling low down the Sea of Galilee! What stories you could tell Ruth if she came back to her country now, of how the promises made by God in her day as to the sending of a Saviour, all came true when Jesus walked around this Lake. I watched the sunrise over the lake one day and it was wonderful to think that

Jesus had seen the same hills and lake on early mornings. He had so much He wanted to give these people, a whole new kind of life, but they did not understand and were too busy with the little life that they knew.

You would want to complete your journey with Ruth by returning to Jerusalem and you would seek out the Garden Tomb just outside the walls of the city. Many scholars think that this could have been the very place where the body of our Lord was laid. In the quietness of this garden, you would sit and think of the wonder of it all! For hundreds of years in this little country God was preparing for the time when He would come and show us what He was really like, show us His power which worked for truth and goodness, show us His love. Most people however were no more ready to leave their selfish ways and turn to unselfish living in Mary's day than they were in Ruth's day, but Jesus still loved them, looked at them as foolish but beloved lost sheep, and so He poured out His life for them and us. He fought and won over the power of wrong and over the power of death, and now He says we can do likewise if we come to Him believing what He says. Could it be that here in this Garden, He who was God, spoke to the young woman, Mary Magdalene? She, first of all people, learned that death for a Christian was only a certain and sure step ahead into another and greater kind of life, because here was Jesus standing before her, on the other side of death! Just think about this Easter Sunday morning, girls, because never at any time, in the history or writings of any people in the world, has there been a story like this, that Someone lifted up the curtains that darkly blocked the end of life and showed us a glimpse of what was beyond.

ALL FRIENDS TOGETHER

By

Mrs. G. K. Agar

"Ah! salaam Ruth and Mary! You have come from school!" Ten year old Gulabi with baby sister Miriam on her hip, stood on the small mud verandah of her home to greet the two dusty little white girls who climbed out of the jeep and with their mother and father and little brother made their way up to the front of the Indian home.

Ruth and Mary Agar with their little brother

The adults were soon seated on rope beds, but the children moved about as they chatted.

"Come, Miriam!" and Mary soon had the little dark baby propped on her hip and was talking to it and playing with the bracelets on its chubby arm.

"Gulabi, when we first came, your little sister had a knotted string tied on her wrist but she hasn't got it now. Why did you cut it off? I see some of the other babies in the village have them on."

"The string? Oh, the witch doctor tied that string on when she was very little. That was to protect her from the Evil One. See, he burned my brother's chest once too, when he was sick. That was to drive away the evil spirit that was making him sick." The younger brother's bare chest revealed a large ugly scar. "But, Gulabi went on, "He nearly died. My father says he would have died if he hadn't taken him to the Mission hospital."

"Was that when you first heard about Jesus?"

"No, the evangelist had been here at our home before that. My father listened but my mother wouldn't pay much attention. She does now, though. She loves to hear the stories of Jesus. I do too. I love to learn the hymns best of all. But what I am most glad about is that my father has stopped my wedding arrangement."

"Do you mean you were going to get married? You are too young."

"No. In the caste we came from, the parents make the wedding arrangements when we are young. Of course I wouldn't go to live with my husband for several years. But I was afraid he might not be nice. Now when I am old enough, I shall have a Christian wedding, my father says. "Do you see those girls Ruthie?" she said, pointing out two small girls going past on the village street, each carrying a small bundle of blue flowers from the neem tree. "They are going to offer them to the god so that they will get good husbands."

"Our God only asks us to give Him our heart doesn't He Gulabi?"

Then Ruth and Gulabi joined the other children who were looking at the newly hung pictures on the wall. "These are from the Sunday School papers we got from Canada", Mary volunteered.

"I like them. I like the one of Jesus and the children best of all. There's a little black girl just like me. He loves her too."

"I am glad your daddy became a Christian Gulabi."

"I'm glad too, very glad because it makes our home so different. We are happy in a way we weren't before."

They *are* happy in a way they weren't before" said the two little missionary children to one another as we rode back over the dusty road. "Some day I hope all the boys and girls in India will learn to love Jesus and be happy like that too."

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL —The **Mount Pleasant** Women's Missionary Society met on January fourth when Mrs. E. P. Fox introduced the treasurer of British Columbia synodical, Miss Sybil White, who took for the devotional talk "The Parable of the Ten Talents", after which she conducted the Service of Dedication of Officers.

The new President, Mrs. D. A. Smith took the chair to introduce Dr. Christina A. Frazer who gave a most interesting account of her trip to Alaska last June with American Presbyterians who had chartered S.S. Prince George. They were briefed just before landing that they would be able to see the most interesting things, and greeted by the Mayor of the village. Several times they enjoyed a Church Service.

ALBERTA

Mrs. L. E. Shaver, 234 - 2nd St. S.W., Medicine Hat, Alta., Press Secretary

CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The fortieth Annual Presbyterial Meeting of **Calgary** Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. More than four thousand magazines and good books, etc. were distributed in hospitals and to sick and shut-ins. Contributions of handcraft and money donations came in to Supply Secretary from all groups from Senior to the Children's department. The Literature Secretary was encouraged by sales of study books which were used throughout the Presbyterial.

During discussion of Treasurer's report it was suggested that each group try to raise their past allocations twenty-five percent to enable us to meet our 1954 allocation.

A vote of thanks was given retiring secretaries Mrs. A. A. Walker who had served as Recording Secretary for thirteen years, and to Misses Jean and Amelia Lobb as Press secretaries for five years.

During Sessions a service was held in memory of deceased member Mrs. T. G. Gray who passed away suddenly one week before, having served faithfully as "Home Helper" Secretary. Mrs. C. E. Jamieson of Calgary who was respected and loved by all her co-workers in the Edmonton Presbyterial was included in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

At a banquet in the evening, ministers and wives of Edmonton Presbytery were honoured guests. Reverend W. Oliver Nugent as guest speaker showed slides photographed during his recent trip to the White Horse district along with many interesting ones taken by Dr. Rattery who served on the field.

Reverend W. J. Graham of **Westmount** Church acted as Chairman for the evening. Mrs. J. Kelman was re-elected as President.

The Annual Meeting and banquet of the Elizabeth Rae Missionary Society of Grace Presbyterian Church, **Calgary,** was held in the banquet hall. Miss Florence Goertzen, Deaconess, installed the officers for 1954. Miss Nettie Cooper had the happy task of presenting a Life Membership to Kathleen Armstrong on behalf of the members in recognition of her faithful and outstanding service in the Auxiliary. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports showed a very successful year in accomplishments and Finances. After the meeting Mrs. Isobel Rosling showed lovely pictures of her trip to Hawaii in the Fall.

A special Thank Offering meeting of St. Andrew's Y.W.M.S., **Calgary,** was held in the church parlors with an open invitation to the public. Reverend James Dickson, Missionary from Formosa was guest speaker, and he showed slides which were most interesting and educational, and enjoyed by all, with remarks on the growth of churches in that country.

The Missionary Groups of Grace Presbyterial Church, **Calgary,** held a very successful congregational dinner to honour Reverend James Dickson, missionary on furlough from Formosa. After dinner Mr. Dickson gave the congregation a clear picture of our work being carried on in Formosa, showing some excellent slides to illustrate his address. He stressed that we do our part by prayer and sacrificial giving to help Formosa have their thousand Presbyterian churches in the next ten years.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Red Deer Presbyterial met at Knox Church, **Red Deer** with all Auxiliaries and some affiliated societies represented. The President Mrs. Alexander of **Carstairs** was in the chair.

Reports for the past year were received from nearly all the Auxiliaries showing an increase in interest and enthusiasm.

The treasurer's report showed that the increased allocation had been met in spite of doubts and fears expressed last year at this time.

Mrs. Downing of **Red Deer** reported that the scholarships for the Medicine Hat Bible School has not been used so far this term.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the money for the present hoping that we could secure a student to use it for next term, and in the meantime to continue advertising this scholarship throughout the province.

The President has personally visited a number of the Auxiliaries and Societies throughout the Presbyterial during the year and these visits seemed to have been much appreciated.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAN —The fortieth annual meeting of the **Prince Albert** Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Tisdale,** and the theme of the meetings was "Finding Our Task". Delegates registered from **Clouston, Prince Albert, Melfort, Sylvania, Carragana** and **Tisdale,** and numerous visitors were in attendance. Mrs. Glazier, Presbyterial President, presided at all sessions. Members from **Sylvania, Melfort, Tisdale** and **Carragana** led in the devotional periods at the beginning of each session. Reverend Mr. Hall, Tisdale brought greetings from Presbytery to the assembled delegates. All Secretaries' reports indicated the completion of a busy and successful year. Miss Jessie Walls, Synodical President led in the discussions on the reports, and her comments were most helpful and inspiring. Mrs. L. Cresswell gave the address of welcome to delegates and visitors at the anniversary dinner, served in the Church Hall, and Mrs. Sinclair of **Prince Albert** responded. Miss Isabelle Bailey of Clouston, Historian, gave a special report at this dinner, on the forty years of W.M.S. work in the Presbyterial. Mrs. Louise Reid, the much loved elder member of St. Andrew's Senior W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Tisdale,** installed the in-coming officers for 1954. She reminded them of the need to know their work and in every way further their aims. She also reminded the members present of the need for their loyal support and co-operation, without which their elected officers cannot hope to do their work successfully.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—Reverend Ivan R. Carroll of **North** Battleford, Moderator of the Saskatchewan Presbyterial Synod, presented a challenge and "the glorious opportunity to fill this challenge," to members of the Women's Federation of First Presbyterian Church, **Regina,** at its annual meeting. The speaker emphasized that "Jesus Christ is doing something within us." The New Testament, he said, tells that into the heart of every believer the Lord entereth. "If you are a Christian, Jesus Christ is within you." Mrs. E. Sneath, President of the Federation, introduced the speaker. Annual reports given by all conveners showed that the Federation had a most successful year, financially and spiritually, and had assisted greatly in the total work of the church. Mrs. R. A. Tate, Missionary Convenor reported that the allocation of $900.00 had been met. A Life Membership Pin was presented to Mrs. Tate by Mrs. S. Adrain on behalf of the Federation. Dr. N. D. Kennedy installed the officers for 1954. Mrs. E. Sneath was elected President.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL—Reports read at the Saskatoon Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, held recently in St. Andrew's Church, **Saskatoon,** indicated that the past year had been a satisfying one in spiritual growth and financial success.

Miss M. Hill, corresponding secretary, in giving her report, referred to the Training Institute that had been held during the past year and said that it had been a wonderful help in unifying women's work of the church.

Reverend D. B. Isaac brought greetings from Presbytery and congratulated the W.M.S. members on their wide field of service.

Mrs. M. White was re-elected President for the coming year. Miss J. E. Walls, past president, and now Synodical President installed the new officers in a brief ceremony.

Parkview Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** held their first meeting of 1954 with fourteen members present. Mrs. Yoos, President brought a special New Year message. Miss Steenson, Home Helpers' Secretary reported that she had three new members in her department. Letters were read from Miss Agnes Hislop, Presbyterian Missionary in Canada on furlough from Formosa and Rev. H. Crump, Portage La Prairie, thanking the Auxiliary for Christmas boxes of toys and clothing sent to him for Indian folk in that area.

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BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — There was a large attendance at the 40th annual meeting of the Brandon Presbterial held in First Presbyterian Church, Brandon. Mrs. J. G. McBurney of Hartney, presided.

Gratifying reports of the year's work were presented. In most cases, they showed an increase in interest in missionary work. Miss Margaret MacNaughton assisted by Mrs. R. A. Hamlin conducted a lively and interesting discussion of the reports. Miss MacNaughton conducted the installation of officers. Mrs. McBurney was returned as president.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — An interesting programme was arranged for the monthly meeting of St. Andrew's Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary, **Fort William.** Mrs. R. C. Browne presided. Mrs. W. J. McGregor led in the study book review, assisted by Mrs. J. G. McKirdy, Mrs. McLennan and Miss Jean Stevenson.

Reports were presented by Mrs. W. S. Nairn, secretary; Mrs. A. MacAulay, Finance, and Mrs. A. Mignerон, Corresponding Secretary.

The Welcome and Welfare committee reported a busy month with literature and treats provided for shut-ins.

Miss Mary Hogarth and Mrs. A. MacAulay were named delegates to the Annual Meeting of Superior Presbyterial.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur,** was held in the Sunday School room with the president, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett in the chair.

The topic of Chinese in Canada, was taken from the new study book, Voyage of Discovery, and was in the form of a dialogue with Mrs. J. Fidler as leader, Mrs. W. A. Hunter as the Mother, and Mrs. S. Sherlock as the teen-age daughter.

Delegates to the Annual Meeting of Superior Presbyterial will be Mrs. B. A. Reeves and Mrs. J. C. Clark, Mrs. J. C. Dobie and Mrs. D. S. McKay.

The Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Fort William,** met in the Church Hall. In spite of the bitterly cold weather there was a good attendance. Annual reports were given showing progress in all departments.

Reverend A. H. Johnston addressed the meeting on Missions and installed the officers.

Mrs. R. C. Browne was returned as president.

A most successful expense tea was held in the Church Hall when large numbers of friends called to have tea and help swell the funds for the bale.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The Presbyterian Day of Prayer was held in the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Cormack Smith, Presbyterial President presided. The theme for the meeting was taken from the third chapter of Revelations. "Behold I have set before Thee an Open Door which no man can shut." Mrs. W. S. Smith from **Calvin** Church Auxiliary gave the Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. W. Jervis, **Norwood** Auxiliary gave the Prayer for Missions at home and Overseas. Mrs. A. M. L. Lang, First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary gave the Prayer for W.M.S. Auxilithies, Officers and Members of Council Executive. Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon, St. James Auxiliary gave the prayer for nurses in Hospitals, for the sick and shut-ins; the under-privileged and for those caring for them. Miss Lyle Hyde, St. John's Auxiliary gave the prayer for Presbyterian Churches, ministers, the Church Universal and the World Council of Churches. Mrs. L. Heslop gave the prayer for the Sabbath Schools and Young People's organizations. Miss M. McBeth, Kildenan Auxiliary gave the prayer for the Queen, the Royal Family, the leaders of the World and members of the United Nations. The address was given by Reverend J. Dean C. Smith of Calvin Church.

Mrs. Cormack Smith presided at the 40th annual meeting of the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society held in St. James Church, Winnipeg, Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon welcomed the delegates to the church. Mrs. D. H. Ross, President Manitoba Synodical extended greetings.

All auxiliaries reported a very successful year. The allocation of $3,000.00 was met. Mrs. D. C. Hill and Mrs. A. H. McKay led a discussion of the reports.

The speakers were Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary who told of the meeting of the Third World Conference of Presbyterian Youth which she attended in Holland last summer, Rev. S. H. Hill, minister of St. James Church, and Rev. P. Montgomery minister of Kildonan Church.

The election and installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. D. H. Ross. Mrs. Cormack Smith was returned as President.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — The Presbytery of Bruce and Owen Sound was saddened in the passing of Mrs. Christena MacDonald, the beloved wife of Reverend Donald MacDonald, Minister of **Tara** and **Allenford,** and Moderator of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbytery. Mrs. MacDonald passed away January 18. Prior to her lengthy illness she was Literature Secretary in the Synodical. She also was Vice President of the Presbyterial and was much in demand as a missionary speaker. Mrs. MacDonald was born on the Isle of Lewish, Scotland, was a graduate of Edinburgh, and served as a Missionary in Jalna, Hyderabad, India.

Since coming with Reverend MacDonald, to Tara Manse in 1950, she was very active in the work of their Congregations of **Tara** and **Allenford.**

The strong character of Mrs. MacDonald's witness was a rare combination of modesty and ability which she used whole-heartedly and strenuously. Her remarkable poise and happiness will linger long in the hearts of those whoe privilege it was to know and work with her. To Mr. MacDonald the W.M.S. offer prayerful sympathy.

Under the consecrated leadership of the President, Miss Annie Gilchrist, the St. Andrew's Sr. Auxiliary, **Owen Sound,** held 9 regular meetings, 2 Thank-Offering meetings (Easter and Autumn) and assisted in sponsoring the Leadership Training Institute. The active membership for 1953 was 25.

The prescribed Study Book, "Africa — Yesterday and Today", was used during the year. The Auxiliary's Missionary Herald, Mrs. Lyman Brown, brought to each meeting during the year up-to-date and challenging information from many missionary fields. A review of the Glad Tidings was a part of most of the meetings. The November meeting was a special Prayer meeting when several members contributed Scripture quotations emphasizing the power of prayer and others led in prayer for our missionary enterprises and the general work of the Church and its leaders.

For our Easter Thank-Offering meeting we followed the fine program suggested in the Glad Tidings. By using this, a large number of our members took part in the meeting. The film, "An End to Darkness", added much to the value of this meeting. At our Autumn Thank-Offering meeting we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Port Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had served the Missionary cause in India under the Irish Presbyterian Church.

For the Annual Home Helpers meeting in June we enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Manse. At this meeting we were happy to present a Life Membership Certificate and pin to Mrs. Dutcher.

In November it was our privilege to entertain the Executive of the Presbyterial, and the members of Presbytery, for their Fall metings.

The Treasurer has forwarded to the Presbyterial Treasurer our allocation of $480.00 and the Supply Secretary forwarded the $19.00 required in addition to the bale. The value of new goods in this bale was $12.05.

The Sunshine Treasurer has cared for the Expense account of the Auxiliary and the Sunshine Secretary has cared for the Correspondence to those bereaved, ill and shut-in.

The sympathy of the Auxiliary goes out to all those bereaved during the year. The Auxiliary sustained the loss through death of six former members, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. F. S. McLauchlan, Mrs. Thos. Edmonstone, Mrs. Robert

McGregor, Mrs. John Armour and Miss Colena Campbell.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL—The Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary of Knox, **Windsor,** held their New Year Opening meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Butler, and plan to raise their 1954 allocation by free will offerings. Knox Sr. W.M.S. is gathering Christmas Cards for Formosa and are planning to add to their Auxiliary Library.

In Knox Sr., **Wallaceburg,** Reverend James Fleming conducted installation of the new officers and Mrs. Fleming thanked the past officers for their splendid co-operation in W.M.S. work.

Dresden W.M.S. heard a report of the highlights of the Chatham Presbyterial Annual Meeting and made plans for the World's Day of Prayer. Reverend W. L. Newton installed the new officers.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Well attended was the Annual Presbyterial held in St. John Church Hamilton, and all reports were most encouraging. Miss Annie J. Ritchie, on behalf of the Presbyterial, presented an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. John Moffatt in appreciation of her Welcome and Welfare leadership. Miss Margaret Kennedy told of the vastness of the work still to be done in India and Mrs. James Dickson emphasized the great response Formosa has been giving the gospel since the war, stating this is perhaps the greatest miracle of modern missions.

Knox Sr., **Waterdown** showed their appreciation of Mrs. A. Pilgrim by presenting her with an Honorary Membership.

The Alice MacDonald Y.W.A., St. John, **Hamilton,** had Mrs. K. D. Taylor, **Burlington,** as guest speaker when they celebrated their first Anniversary. Mrs. M. D. MacDonald, founder of the group, cut the Birthday Cake, and greetings from other Auxiliaries within the Church were extended.

St. Andrew's Sr. Auxiliary, **Ancaster,** presented Mrs. Percy Massey with a beautiful vase of flowers in recognition of her Welcome and Welfare work.

Knox Sr. **Hamilton** enjoyed letters from Reverend and Mrs. Jos. Muchan, British Guiana, and Miss I. McConnell and Miss Beatrice Scott of India.

The Ruby Walker Y.W.A. St. Enoch's, **Hamilton,** heard with pleasure Miss A. J. Ritchie as she brought them the History of W.M.S.

Reverend Dr. N. D. MacDonald addressed Kannawin Sr. Society, St. John, **Hamilton,** on "Why we have Missions." Both Mrs. Robert Kinghan and Mrs. D. Ruddell were honored at this meeting.

St. Columba's C.G.I.T., **Hamilton,** entertained the Explorers at a Valentine Party and they also made Trays and gave these for Church functions.

The Elsie Henderson Evening Auxiliary, **Kirkwall,** are placing medical supplies in a Central place for any first aid Church emergency.

From the sale of Christmas Cards and the proceeds of a Bazaar, St. David's C.G.I.T. gave $100.00 to their Church.

Special Speakers include Reverend T. G. M. Bryan at St. Columba Sr. Auxiliary, Mrs. E. G. Barton at New Westminster Sr., Dr. Jessie Findlay at Rosalind Gorforth Evening Auxiliary, **New Westminster;** Reverend R. Forbes Thompson at Elizabeth Lyle Sr. Central, and Reverend Chas. Carnegy at the Jean Moodie Evening Auxiliary, St. Davids, **Hamilton.**

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — The Auburn Park Auxiliary held an Open Thank-Offering for the men of the Church as well as the ladies and Mr. P. Walter, a Student Minister, gave a Missionary talk, illustrated by slides. The teen-agers of the Congregation presided over the Devotional period.

Exeter Caven Auxiliary heard Reverend J. Fox of Hensall.

In **Clinton** Mrs. W. H. Fulton of Brussels spoke of a recent trip to Ireland and of the early Irish Missionaries.

Goderich Sr. Auxiliary entertained the Home Helpers; the Arthur Circle heard Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell tell of the present need for greater devotion in Mission work. The Boy Scouts sponsored selling 100 Church Calendars and the Mission Band members sold fifty. Here also the W.M.S. Literature Presbyterial Society displayed a table of Literature at Arthur Circle Bazaar and sold over $15.00 of books during the afternoon. Reverend R. G. MacMillan showed the W.M.S. members an exceptionally fine film strip, "Seek Ye First," which a young adult Church group recently procured from the Presbyterian Stewartship Budget Committee, Toronto. He will also use this for coming Communicant Classes as well as in work with other Church groups.

Seaforth Sr. W.M.S. and Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary joined for a Thank-Offering at which Reverend John Elder, on furlough from British Guiana, gave an illustrated talk on the work of our Mission there. Mrs. D. J. Lane spoke to the McKillop Branch and Mrs. J. Fo oxf the Manse spoke to Hensall Auxiliary.

The Annual Presbyterial meeting was held in **Clinton** with Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell, Seaforth, President in charge and a full executive present. All reports were well presented. On March 26th the new and retiring officers will meet together in **Clinton** for a discussion period at which time they will share in W.M.S. experience, and future plans.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The 40th Annual meeting of **London** Presbyterial was held in Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, **London,** with the President, Mrs. J. D. West presiding. Miss Anne MacEachern, Toronto, Regional Secretary, was in attendance and Mrs. Mariano DiGangi, the wife of one of our Presbyterian Ministers in Hamilton, brought a challenging report of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Quebec, where she and her husband worked for several years. Mrs. DiGangi stressed the urgent need for more Christian Literature. As a response to this appeal the offering of the afternoon was designated to go to the Christian Literature Department of the Presbyterian Church for Quebec projects. Reverend D. J. Firth, London, installed the 1954 officers and the afternoon worship was conducted by members of Knollwood Park Auxiliary. The reports were all indicative of ever-increasing Missionary endeavour within the Presbyterial.

"Missionary Life in India" was the theme of a meeting of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary, New St. James, **London,** when members enjoyed an Indian dinner convened by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, R.N., Missionary on furlough now taking the Public Health course at the University of Western Ontario, in **London.**

Almost 200 delegates and guests saw members of **Elmwood's** Gilmour Evening Auxiliary Friendship Circle and Sunday School enact Miss Bessie MacMurchy's pageant of some twelve scenes depicting life in India, "A Light on the Path." This Pageant was outstanding and the Costumes, Script and direction all combined in giving much interesting Missionary information in an "easy to remember" way. Miss MacMurchy sang a hymn in the Indian dialect at the conclusion of the pageant. Reverend John Fleck conducted the evening devotions and the Jr. Choir of New St. James provided the music.

Knox Church, New Glasgow has a

Girls Auxiliary. It was organized in 1953 by Mrs. T. E. Kennedy. The Girls chose the name, "Knox Girls Auxiliary" and are an affiliated group. They range in age from 10 to 16. They are very faithful in attendance and in taking part in their programs. Three girls are appointed to take charge each month and the meetings are held in the homes, the second Friday of each Month. The attendance averages from 12 to 14 girls. They studied Africa in 1953. They also have recreation on their programs. The President is Miss Louise Ford. They have chosen Marilyn and Kathy Felder as captains for a team in 1954. The girls attended the Training Institute at Largie with members of our W.M.S. Auxiliary. They are interested in doing great work in their group in their second year. We are very proud of our girls.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Presbyterial meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Wingham,** and presided over by Mrs. A. McAuley, of Ripley, the retiring President. Mrs. G. S. Baulch of South Kinloss is the incoming President and the Treasurer reported Maitland Presbyterial went well over its allocation during 1953. All the reports were encouraging and most informative.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—The Third Annual meeting of **Niagara** Presbyterial saw friends from Hamilton present. Miss Annie J. Ritchie brought an impromptu greeting in her inspiring devout way. Reverend W. J. McKeown, of Drummond Hill, lead morning devotions and Reverend Wm. Coutts of Chippawa opened the afternoon session with Worship. Evening devotions were in charge of Miss Jean Radford of the Agnes Wallis Alpha, Drummond Hill. A popular presentation of the afternoon was the gift of an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. J. M. Dickson. As the first President of the new Niagara Presbyterial a great Missionary Unit has been well directed and spiritually guided by this beloved Presbyterial President, who for health reasons relinquished her office at this third Annual meeting. Miss Jennie Kennear, the Vice-President, will capably follow and Mrs. J. M. Dickson has kindly consented to remain on the Executive as Vice-President. Reverend W. A. Jason Graham, Thorold, the Moderator of Presbytery installed the 1954 officers at the close of the afternoon session. The Presbyterial greatly exceeded its allocation and all the reports showed progress.

Mrs. Alex. Godfrey and Mrs. Robert Fraser were honored at a meeting of Port Colbourne First Presbyterian Church W.M.S. Auxiliary.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N. endeared Missions to all as she showed many beautiful Formosan slides at the noon luncheon and spoke of her work during the afternoon session. In the evening Mrs. D. M. Allen, Hamilton Presbyterial President was seen in the Audience and graciously brought a greeting when called upon. It was again a privilege to have Miss Hermanson on the evening program and there was an added interest in that she interviewed a young Pre-Medical Student of McMaster University, Stephen Shih, a Chinese Nationalist, whom the W.M.S. Council brought to Canada for higher education. Stephen hopes to return to his homeland as a Medical Missionary when he graduates in Medicine.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—The 69th Annual meeting of Paris Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Woodstock,** with the President, Mrs. H. H. Turner, Ingersoll, in the chair. The Worship service was conducted by Mrs. G. L. Douglas and Mrs. R. C. Campbell. Miss Anne MacEachern, Regional Secretary, presented new ideas for forming added groups and for enlarging memberships in all departments of W.M.S. work.

Mrs. James Dickson, who has spent 26 years on our Formosan field and is now home on furlough, was the special speaker of the afternoon. In her message and illustrated slides Mrs. Dickson gave much insight into the many calls for service in Formosa as she told of the blessing and responsibilities of our work there. Reverend G. L. Douglas installed the incoming officers.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — Ladies from the district churches in **Lambton** and **Middlesex** Counties met in St. Andrew's Church, **Wyoming,** for the 40th Annual Presbyterial meeting. Mrs. George Dewer, President, presided over the meeting. Morning devotions were taken by St. Andrew's W.M.S. Sarnia, and the Oil Springs Evening Auxiliary took the afternoon opening worship service.

Mrs. L. G. Van Walkenburg of Forest was presented with an Honorary Life Membership. Mrs. Franklin Adam of Knox, Warwick, Secretary of Girls' Organization work, presented a white gift Bible to Louise Happer of Beachwood, first award in the Public Speaking Contest, also one to Muriel Emmons of West Adelaide the runner up.

Reverend R. Bruce brought Greetings from Sarnia Presbytery and Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., Missionary on furlough from Formosa, gave a stirring talk from her 22 years of Missionary experience on this island.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Russell Ballantyne, St. Pauls, President of Stratford Presbyterial Presided over the Annual meeting held in Knox Church, **Stratford.** The Monkton Auxiliary had charge of morning devotions and the Mitchell members conducted afternoon worship.

Reverend F. J. Barr, Moderator of Stratford Presbytery, asked the Presbyterial to expand its work into the whole Church Congregation, stating the W.M.S. is the only medium in eixstence for Missionary Education within the Church.

The Mission Band award went to Milverton Mission Band with an attendance of eighty percent.

Miss Helen Bricker, National Presbyterian Girls Work Secretary, was the guest speaker and in speaking of our work in Japan, Formosa and India she illustrated her talk by using many slides which she had taken during her trip to these fields. Miss Bricker spoke also of the Mission field right on our own doorstep saying there should be 40,000 teen-agers in our Church but only 30% of these can be found within our congregations. Many reaching the ages of 12 and 13 years are slipping away. Miss Bricker urged increased effort in working with our Church Youth and asked that the Presbyterial give every support to a program being launched this fall for intermediate boys groups.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — "Christ our Hope" was the topic chosen by Mrs. J. H. Williams for her address to the well attended annual meeting of the Algoma Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church in St. Paul's Church, **Sault Ste. Marie.**

In her address Mrs. Williams said that Christ Our Hope is the central message of the church today and our personal hope and the hope of the world is founded in Jesus Christ. She gave the meaning of the word "hope" as it came from the Anglo-Saxon root — "The opening of the eyes".

Mrs. George Grant was chairman for the meeting.

Annual reports of the W.M.S. from 1914-1950, bound in seven volumes, were presented to the Presbyterial by Mrs. Damon Godfrey, to be placed in the library of Westminster Church for reference.

All reports given proved most satisfactory, the highlight being the noted increase in the number of teen-age and Mission Band groups.

Sympathetic reference was made to the loss sustained by the death of Mrs. Maurice Hagen and Mrs. Ella Triplett, former valued members of the executive.

Gifts were presented by Miss Hunter to Mrs. J. S. Andersen, retiring treasurer, and Mrs. George Grant, retiring president, in appreciation of their work.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The annual meeting of Barrie Presbyterial was held in Essa Road Church, **Barrie,** with the President, Mrs. W. M. McEachern of **Orillia,** in the chair. The devotional service was taken by Mrs. Cowan of **Stroud** after which Mrs. McEachern extended a welcome to all. The treasurer, Mrs. D. H. McNabb, **Orillia,** reported the allocation more than met. Because of the great need for funds and our work being extended, an increase in the allocation for 1954 was accepted.

Mrs. McEachern introduced the speaker, Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions. She took as her text the 6th verse of the 40th Chapter of Nehemiah, "So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together, for the people had a mind to work!" And in the 19th verse; "The work is great and large." Miss Matthews left a clear picture of the work being done by the W.M.S. across Canada, particularly among the Chinese and in our Indian residential schools.

Mrs. A. T. Barr, **Penetanguishene,** read the nominating Committee report and Miss Matthews conducted a most impressive installation service. As Mrs. McEachern returned to the President's chair, the feeling of all was a deep gratitude for what she had done in the year just closed, and of thankfulness in having her to assume the responsibilities of the New Year. The treasurer, Mrs. D. H. McNabb, after eleven years of service, has once again accepted this very important office.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—About 120 ladies attended the 40th Annual Meeting of the Guelph Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society held in St. Andrew's Church, **Guelph.**

Mrs. Roy Black of **Fergus** Presbyterian Church, President, presided. Mrs. W. A. Young welcomed auxiliary representatives on behalf of St. Andrew's Auxiliary.

Financially the year was reported as being most successful nearly every Auxiliary reaching its allocation and a grand total exceeding the Presbyterial allocation.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson, President of Council was the guest speaker. Her topic was "Our Stewardship and Our Christian Missions".

The Reverend F. Stewart of **Kitchener,** Moderator of Presbytery brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. Adamson installed the new officers after which the President gave a message of thanks and in closing she stated that we are the Ambassadors of Christ and should make straight the way for the coming generations.

At the February meeting of Gale Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, **Elmira,** the officers were installed by charter member and past President Mrs. Small.

The members of the Auxiliary noted the long and faithful service of Mrs. Andrew Ziegler who has served the Auxiliary as treasurer and as assistant treasurer from the time the Auxiliary was organized in April, 1920.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Meeting of **Lindsay** Presbyterial was well attended in St. Andrew's Church, **Lindsay.**

The meeting was in charge of the President, Mrs. W. W. Finney. A gift was presented to our beloved returned missionary, Miss Agnes Dickson who has labored so long in this Presbyterial. Rev Mr. McLean, **Kirkfield,** conveyed greetings from Presbytery to the Presbyterial.

The treasurer, Mrs. John F. Brabazon, congratulated the Auxiliaries on their good response of last year, with their allocation met and exceeded. Mrs. Frank Brown, Supply Secretary also reported a good year and cash a allocations exceeded.

Sonya, Zephr and **Cresswell** Auxiliaries received special mention.

The Mission Band award was presented by Mrs. William Wallace to Mrs. Howard for **Gamebrige Mission Band.**

The highlight of the afternoon meeting was the very fine address given by Mrs. W. R. Adamson, President of W.M.S. Council Executive. Mrs. Adamson spoke on Christian Stewardship.

Mrs. Adamson conducted the election and dedication of officers for the ensuing year.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Orangeville Presbyterial Sectional meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Priceville.** Miss Marylin Dickson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, missionaries on furlough from Formosa, was guest speaker. She spoke of her mother's work among the lepers. She told too of the many churches that are being built by the hill people and of their eagerness to hear the gospel message.

Mrs. W. Galbraith, **Dundalk** Y.W.A., was in charge of a Bible quizz. Words of welcome were given by **Priceville** Auxiliary and responded to by Mrs. J. D. Wilson, **Swinton Park.** Mrs. Carlyle McMillan, Swinton Park, was convener of the meeting.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — The 39th Annual Meeting of the Saugeen Presbyterial was held in **Mount Forest** Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. G. B. Anderson presiding. At the morning session words of welcome were given by Mrs. Brown, Mount Forest. Departmental reports were given by Secretaries, and Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. McAllister, **Durham.** Mrs. Anderson's remarks were based on the theme at the morning session, "Ye are the Light of the World," and stressed the need of each one being a light and an example in our daily life. The afternoon session was a discussion period and installation of officers for 1954. It was decided that a rally would be held at **Harriston** in June and Mrs. Agar, formerly of Harriston, a missionary on furlough be asked to be guest speaker.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — The special series of meetings of the Training Institute held in Mackay Church, **Timmins** was an outstanding event in the work of the missionary effort in that church. Supper was served to members of the Senior Auxiliary, the Evening group and the C.G.I.T. members and afterwards separate groups met for discussion. Miss MacNaughton conducted the discussion for the Senior and Evening group. Mrs. MacKay led the C.G.I.T. and Miss MacArthur the Children's Workers.

The first meeting for the new year of the Marion Powell Evening Auxiliary at Mackay Church **Timmins** was addressed by Mrs. F. Somers, Presbyterial President and Mrs. H. Troyer, President of Senior Group brought greetings and a new year message to the members of the Evening group. The officers were installed by the Reverened P. L. Sams and the new year promises to be a very profitable one in the history of the Society. Mrs. W. Crozier is the new President for the Auxiliary.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL — The 40th Annual Meeting of Toronto East Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society was held in **Glenview** Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 28th, 1954, con ducted by Mrs. J. A. Newstead, President.

Three sessions were held, the morning session for reports, which were very gratifying in all departments. At the afternoon session Reverend K. M. Glazier, Ph.D., installed the officers and the speaker was Reverend J. A. Munro, D.D., on Home Mission work. The evening speaker was Miss H. Hermanson, R.N., on furlough from Formosa.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of **Richmond Hill** Presbyterian Church wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Miss Charlotte Heise, a life long member of the Church, and a life member of the Auxiliary, who died recently. She was in her ninety-second year. Miss Heise attended services up until two years ago when failing health made it necessary for her to retire from active participation in Church life.

The Leaside Auxiliary held its eighth Anniversary meeting in the Church parlours at **Leaside** Presbyterian Church with Mrs. C. C. Bennett presiding, and Mrs. James Dickson of Formosa as guest speaker. Present at the meeting were ladies from **Riverdale, Melrose, Glebe** and **Rogers** Memorial Churches. Mrs. James Dickson told the meeting of the wonderful work that is being done by the Holy Spirit in Formosa, illustrating her lecture with slides.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual meeting of Toronto West Presbyterial was held in **Victoria** Presbyterian Church with the President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, presiding. Mrs. J. A. Houden gave words of welcome, and Mrs. W. R. Adamson brought greetings from Toronto East Presbyterial. Guest speakers were Miss Hermanson of Formosa, Reverend John Elder from British Guiana, and Reverend William Adamson from Toronto. The election and installation of officers was conducted by Reverend H. Douglas Stewart, B.A., minister of Victoria Church. The meeting was brought to a close with the new President, Mrs. R. B. Ledingham giving her address.

Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial, spoke on "Christianity and Women with a Purpose" at the recent meeting of **Runnymede** Presbyterian Women's Missionary Senior Auxiliary and conducted the installation of officers for 1954. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. W. S. Tickell.

At the January meeting of Toronto West Presbyterial, held in Victoria Church, Mrs. J. H. Douglas was the recipient of an honorary membership certificate, presented by Mrs. T. L. Williams.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The 40th Annual meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, **Pembroke,** in January, with representatives present from **Almonte, Arnprior, Cobden, Carleton Place, Dewars, Lochwinnoch, Pembroke, Perth, Renfrew, Ross Scotland, Smith's Falls, Stewartville** and **Wolftown.** The President, Mrs. H. Barker, of **Smith's Falls,** presided at all sessions. The Programme was based on the Theme "Prayer".

The Treasurer, Mrs. Culhane, gave an encouraging financial report and all other reports revealed a keen interest and activity in all departments of W.M.S. work.

Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, addressed the meeting, giving an excellent review of the highlights of Addresses of the various speakers heard at Council Meetings in London.

At the Evening Meeting, Rev. A. R. Ferguson, M.A., of **Pembroke,** conducted devotions, and brought greetings from Presbytery.

A service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Young, and Mrs. Slattery of **Arnprior.**

A Season of Prayer for The Church, Missions, and Our Country, was led by Mrs. S. McGregor of **Lochwinnoch.**

The guest Speaker was Miss Mary Nichol, R.N., a former Smith's Falls girl, who is at present on furlough from her duties as Superintendent of Jobat Hospital, India. Miss Nichol pointed out some of the difficulties confronting missionaries, especially the Caste System, lack of Sanitation, and the belief in the powers of the medicine man. Coloured Slides made this all the more realistic.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — The 40th annual meeting of Montreal Presbyterial was held in Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount. The President, Miss Dorothy Coles presided. Mrs. Charles C. Chochrane welcomed the members. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society brought greetings. Miss Margaret Kennedy was the guest speaker, telling of her work on the Bhil field India at the afternoon session and showing slides at night to illustrate that work. Rev. R. T. Moores, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings.

The reports of the Treasurer, Supply Secretary and all departmental secretaries showed substantial increases in interest and contributions.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Erskine Church, Ottawa, was hostess to the 40th Annual Meeting of the Presbyterial, attended by two hundred members from nineteen Auxiliaries. The President, Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, presided. Rev. Dr. Robert Good, Minister of Erskine Church, and Mrs. Victor Woods, President of Erskine Auxiliary, welcomed the members and guests.

Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, addressed the meeting, and read a letter from Pauline Brown, a missionary from Jobat, India, who was a member of St. Giles Church, **Ottawa.**

Mrs. H. T. Bennie called the roll for Auxiliary Reports, and the financial statement given by Mrs. Robert Good, showed the Presbyterial had exceeded its allocation. Following supper, Reports of the Young Women's Auxiliaries were given, with the Secretary Mrs. S. Kennet presiding.

The Evening Meeting was addressed by Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., Missionary on furlough from Formosa, who told of the work of the Missionaries and Medical workers there, and stressed the great need for educational literature for the people of the Island.

Departmental reports were heard on the second day, and the year's work was dedicated in Prayer by Mrs. G. Sparks. An invitation extended by Mrs. W. Anderson, to hold the 1954 Presbyterial in St. Stephen's Church, was enthusiastically accepted.

Guest speaker at the afternoon session was Rev. Donald S. Campbell, of Westminster Church, **Ottawa,** who stressed the "one-ness" of the peoples of the World.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Colin Miller, submitted the state of Officers for 1954, which was accepted, and the installation was conducted by Mrs. Harcourt Emra.

Afternoon Tea was served by the Erskine Ladies at the close of the meeting, with Mrs. S. J. Pink and Mrs. F. J. Shouldice presiding.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1954

Receipts:

Fairview Presbyterian Sunday School, Vancouver, B.C. "Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home"	$ 36.11
Offering at Presbyterian Training Institute from Barrie Presbytery and Presbyterial, "Rev. Wenchi Kim, Japan"	40.00
Special Gift through Grace Presbyterian Auxiliary Millbrook, Ontario	10.00
M. L. Fletcher, "Christian Literature"	100.00
Northside Bible Vacation School, Regina "Miss Hildur Hermanson's Work"	17.00
A Friend through Winnipeg Presbyterial "Miss Kennedy's Work"	10.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	20.00
Isabel Taylor Guild, St. John's Church, Medicine Hat "Support of Formosan Girl"	60.00
St. Andrew's Sunday School, Windsor "Support of Duncan, Bhil Field"	25.00
London Presbyterial Special Offering "Christian Literature for French Work"	54.15
Chesley Y.W. Auxiliary Special Offering "Canned Milk, Bhil Field"	15.00
A Friend, "Famine Relief in India"	50.00
Refund from Missionary Candidate	90.00
A Friend, "Milk for Needy Children"	5.00
Friends	1,000.00
Special offering Rosalind Goforth Auxiliary First Church, Port Colborne, "Miss Hermanson's Work"	5.00
A Friend, "Library for Formosa"	25.00
Wo-Shi-lo Group Grace Church, Calgary "Mrs. Gehman's Work"	20.00
Missionary Association, St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, Alberta "Missionary Work in British Guiana"	126.00
G. F., "Support of Girl Jhansi Field"	75.00
Last Lake Ladies' Aid, payment on organ	25.00
Pension rates from workers	40.00
Synodical Givings:	
Toronto and Kingston	1,200.00
Hamilton and London	3,152.21
	$ 6,200.47

Disbursements:

National Missions	$ 10,664.13
Overseas Missions	11,807.57
Organization	4,631.96
Publications	2,143.15
Administration	3,134.86
Supplies	849.10
Grants	1,000.00
Christian Literature	370.00
Insurance and Taxes	415.82
Council Expenses	9.50

General Contingency	59.75
Hospitalization rates	33.00
Missionaries' Salaries deposited in Canada on request	1,142.70
Transferred Indian Government Grant to Special Indian Account	8,118.47
	$ 44,380.01

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Receipts:

Government Grant transferred from General Fund	$ 8,118.47
Cecilia Jeffrey's Principal's Salary transferred from General Fund	1,800.00
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	11,043.41
Birtle School, Government Grant	13,484.59
Servo Circle of the Daughters of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph	25.00
	$ 34,471.47

Disbursements:

Cecilia Jeffrey School	$ 8,880.20
Birtle School	8,788.22
	$ 17,668.42

TRUST FUNDS

Receipts:

Pension and Retirement Fund	
Interest	$ 214.25
Legacy Fund	
Payment on Windermere property	50.00
Estate of Miss Marian Kidd	12.49
Estate of Mrs. Helen Cameron through the D. M. Gordon Auxiliary, Ottawa, "Endowing Bed in Ludhiana Hospital, India"	200.00
"Van for Rocky Mountain House District"	300.00
Special Fund	
Payment on Shoal Lake Camp Loan	18.50
Interest	56.25
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	26.75
	$ 878.24

Disbursements:

Pension and Retirement Fund	
Allowance to worker in lieu of Pension	$ 50.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
New Canadian Boy	30.00
Formosan Student, Royal Conservatory of Music	129.00
Missionary on furlough, Western University	145.00
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Editorial

"I can do all things through Christ" . . .

When the Apostle Paul wrote these words, he had far less background in the Christian faith than we have. Only a short time before he answered the call of Christ and as a result had made his life conform to the Master's pattern for it. The result of that conformity we all know.

To say that he did not have the background does not mean that he had no religious training. He was trained in the Jewish religion and kept its laws faithfully until his conversion. The revelation he had of Jesus Christ taught him, moreover, that Jesus was near him to help him through all trials. His letters reveal that he used all the gifts he possessed in order that the Christian religion might be preached as far as it was possible for him to preach.

We are conscious today of the need to preach the Gospel in all parts of the world and there is a growing sense of the responsibilities of the lay person in making known the Christian religion. As members of a Society which has set itself a goal of helping to take Christ to all the world, we each have a job to do as apostles. It may not mean that we roam the earth preaching and teaching, but it certainly does mean that in every act of our daily lives we remember that we are Christ's disciples and must witness for Him.

Our task begins in the homes. Sometimes we feel we can let down a bit at home and relax — and in a sense of course we can. Our family knows us and they know our peculiarities; they let us be ourselves. But this need be no excuse for a lowering of our standard of behaviour. Our dealings with our children, our parents, our brothers and sisters must be most sincere, most loving and truly honourable. Temptation comes to us to relax our standards. It is indeed hard to resist the appeal of a son or daughter who wants to do the things their chums do. We may help build a wall of resentment if we do not let them have their way. But in our land there are thousands of men and women who give thanks to God that their parents did not relax standards of behaviour in their youth. They are thankful for a family whose love was great — and who desired to build strong character rather than give in to selfish whims.

From our homes we go forth to make our witness among our friends, with our associates in business, in every contact we make in business and in social life. How many times have we been glad that we took the trouble to smile — or to help someone in some little way on the street, in the shop, in a public conveyance. It is not what we do, but the spirit in which we walk our daily path which proclaim the philosophy by which we live. In this way every one is an apostle. Through our actions we communicate the truth we learned in our study and communion with God.

The communication of our faith through our daily living is most important in our Church life. We communicate the humility, the love, the wonder of the Christian faith by our attitudes as members of our Auxiliary, as leaders of younger people. God speaks through us as we share in auxiliary programmes; as we contribute our thinking to committees — as we lead children and teen-age groups. Sometimes we need to ask ourselves — Am I doing what Christ would have me do — or is my thinking entirely focused on *my* desires? Then it is that we wait upon the Master — and in faith we know He will lead us.

Our Annual Council meeting is being held this month in Winnipeg. There will be matters discussed which will need the thinking of *every* person present. Will you enter into the discussion if you are a delegate — Will you listen for God's message and then proclaim it to your colleagues? There has been criticism that too much of the legislation in our Society has been done by too few. How could that be if each person chosen to be a delegate to meetings such as this exercised her duty and made plain the thinking of the people she represented? The democratic process only works when men and women can express their views on subjects in question — then in discussion frame a policy with the good of the whole work, and the whole body of people in mind.

These are days when our minds must be flexible — able to see how the vision of tomorrow may be brought to pass by our action today. We need to be able to build upon our heritage in the Christian faith — the kind of background of experience which Paul did not have as he set forth in his ministry, and build, using all the gifts God gave in order that His Kingdom may be on this earth. It takes every one of us with our varying gifts — our varying backgrounds, to work together on the great task to which we have been called. The task is great — but if we all truly seek to communicate our faith — we will discover just as Paul did, that all things can be done through Christ who strengthens us.

Prayer

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be moved but abideth forever."

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that amid all the many changes of our human life, Thou are unchanging, the same yesterday, today and forevermore. Help us to abide in Thy presence at all times, remembering that as the mountains are round about Jerusalem so Thou art around about Thy children. When we are weak and lack courage for the task to which we are called, may we rest in Thee and be strong in Thy strength.

We would thank Thee for the beauty of the world at this season, remembering it is all the work of Thy hand. We thank Thee that Thou dost call us to periods of rest and refreshment of body, and we pray that as we listen to the message of Thy Son, "Come ye apart and rest awhile", we may also hear another message "My meat is to do the will of my Father and to finish His work." Lead us into a deeper spirit of communion with Thee. May we come to know Thee more fully, Whom to know is life eternal.

We praise Thee for the privilege of service, and as Thou hast blessed our small efforts during past years we ask for Thy continued guidance, that in the years to come we may be led out into still greater things in Thy name. History and experience have given us so many evidences of Thy guidance to nations and to individuals, that we should not doubt Thy power. Give us faith to believe in the ultimate triumph of righteousness.

We would pray especially for our out-going missionaries, for the work to which they have been called, for their safety on their long journey and for the dear ones left behind. Wilt Thou give us a new vision of the oneness of the work of Thy kingdom, calling those who remain at home to the same life of consecration as those who cross the seas in Thy service. May we be more worthy of the friendship of our Lord and Saviour. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Miss Margaret Webster, Executive Director of Organization, reports on Presbyterian Training Institutes in —

Report to the Society

BETWEEN the 28th of September, 1953, and the 28th of February, 1954, Presbyterian Training Institutes were held in 43 of the 44 Presbyterials in the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division). 5,198 people* registered at those Institutes . Forty leaders — some professional and some lay — gave anywhere from one to thirteen weeks giving leadership as Training Team members.

The idea of Institutes began in the early spring of 1953 when Council Executive's reorganized Organization Committee began to study the needs within the Society to see where it could be of greatest immediate help. Without doubt, the greatest need was that for the training of leaders — leaders in all departments from Children's work through to the Senior Auxiliary.

The representatives of the Board of Christian Education present at that study meeting indicated that that Board was concerned with the same problem, and suggested that the project be undertaken co-operatively. Thus, from the beginning, Training Institutes were sponsored jointly by the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and the Board of Christian Education. Each local Institute was arranged by a joint committee of the Presbytery Committee on Christian Education and the Presbyterial of the W.M.S.

*Made up as follows:

Children's Leaders	1,562
Teen-Age Leaders	666
Adult W.M.S. Officers	1,922
P.Y.P.S. Officers	240
Church School Superintendents	312
Others	496

From as far north as Fort St. John to the southern tip of Canada at Windsor; from Port Alberni on Vancouver Island's west coast to historic Quebec City on the east – Institutes were held. The majority of them were from three to five days in length. In some widely scattered rural areas, it was possible to have only one day (usually with two sessions) for each Institute.

The programme included worship training for teachers and leaders of children and teen-agers and officers of adult groups in the church; and a missionary presentation. Three of our Society's overseas missionaries – Miss Hazel Reaveley, Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Edith Magee – each travelled with a Team, presenting at the Institutes the story of their work. On the fourth Team, members of the Executive staff from the W.M.S. office shared responsibility for the missionary presentations.

One significant factor in the success of Institutes was the outstanding contribution made by the lay members of Training Teams These men and women (chiefly women) left their homes or jobs from one to five weeks each to work with a Team – preparing themselves beforehand that they might give good leadership to others, carrying the full responsibility of any Team member (not just during the meet-

Presbyterian
Training Institutes
– lay leadership

Training was done by "Work-Shop" method.

Editor, Presbyterian Publications, Reverend W. H. Fuller and lay leader Mrs. G. E. Grossman of Ottawa talk about methods.

ings, but throughout the days in such things as transporting luggage, setting up displays, operating projectors and so on), and assisting with follow-up plans. Besides contributing much, they have said that they also gained much from Institutes. One of them reported: "Thank you for giving me the opportunity of serving as a Team member . . . I enjoyed every minute and learned so much I feel like a dictionary!"

The Institutes, besides providing information and training for teachers, leaders and officers in our churches, gave an excellent opportunity for telling the people of Canada of the work that our Presbyterian Church is doing. Canadian newspapers carried advance announcements and reports of the Institutes with pictures of the Team members. Radio coverage — with spot announcements, interviews, addresses and morning devotion programmes in which Team members participated — was sufficient to reach all parts of Canada from Quebec westward. In a number of places Team members spoke at school assemblies.

The total cost of conducting Institutes from Quebec to British Columbia — $9,958.22 (including both the W.M.S. and Board of Christian Education share) — is relatively small when it is realized that this amounts to only $1.91½ per registered leader or officer in attendance. It is hoped that the value to those who attended will be of far greater worth. It should be noted that a good percentage of the total expenditure (probably between ½ to 2/3) would have been spent in any case in the regular duties of staff members and in missionary deputation.

The Literature Department reports that actual literature sales at the Institutes amounted to $911.83, an amazingly large figure when it is realized that all of the books in the displays were leadership aids and that the cost of no single book exceeded $2.00.

Team members and joint committees of Presbytery and Presbyterial were remarkably faithful in sending in evaluations of Institutes. Their frank and helpful comments were favourable — and for that we are grateful, since we can learn from the mistakes as well as the successes. In a number of places there was lack of understanding of the nature of the project; in some instances insufficient publicity reached local congregations; greater adaptability to local needs would have improved some Institutes.

In the national evaluation meetings, such points as these were noted:

— A survey of needs in various areas should precede the conducting of Institutes.

- Emphasis should be placed on the training of new leaders.
- The minimum length of an Institute for effective training is four sessions.
- Workshop techniques should be used in conducting Institutes.
- Groups should be included for boys' work leaders and P.Y.P.S. officers.
- Greater use might be made of lay leaders on Teams.
- The value of attendance on each evening should be emphasized.

On the whole, Institutes were a success! Such comments as these two came to us:

"I have been instructed by the Presbytery of .... to convey the thanks of the Court to those who planned and those who carried out the recent Presbyterian Training Institute in this Presbytery . . . The response of those who came night after night will indicate to you that the Institute filled a deeply felt need. We have appreciated the instruction that was brought to the leaders in Church work in the Presbytery, and also the fellowship we shared in coming to know or know better the members of the Team."

"We feel that this has been a really progressive move. I cannot state too strongly that we in .... are very desirous that these meetings are continued."

This we hope to do as soon as it is feasible to conduct further Presbyterian Training Institutes.

Missionary Education was the inspirational part of the programme.

Missionary Margaret Kennedy displays costumes, trying them on team-mates Anne MacEachern and a member of Guelph Y.P.S. These young ladies have their admirers!

Through the harsh noises of our day
A low, sweet prelude finds its way;
Through clouds of doubt, and creeds of fear,
A light is breaking, calm and clear.

— *Whittier.*

SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS

by Maydee F. Pae

Manitoba is the hostess Synodical Society for Council this year. We are happy to introduce the President

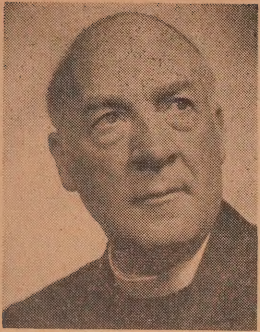
MRS. DOUGLAS H. ROSS

Mrs. Douglas H. Ross, President of Manitoba Synodical, came to her present position from a background of valuable experience, having held several positions in Auxiliary and Presbyterial work. She was for a number of years Treasurer of the Synodical and from the time when she became one of its members, has taken an active share in the life of the Congregation of First Church, Winnipeg.

MRS. DOUGLAS H. ROSS

Mrs. Ross maintains an interest in the affairs of the community in which she lives and is especially concerned with the welfare of those coming from Europe to make their homes in Canada. She is a member of the Women's Canadian Club: the Women's Music Club and sits on the Advisory Board of the Home Welfare Association of Winnipeg. The work for the Blind has a special appeal for her.

From this list of activities we see how many and varied are her interests. Always a gracious and generous hostess, her home is a center of interest and activity which has added more than can be estimated in the lives of those with whom she comes into contact.



REVEREND W. GORDON MACLEAN
M.A., B.D., D.D.

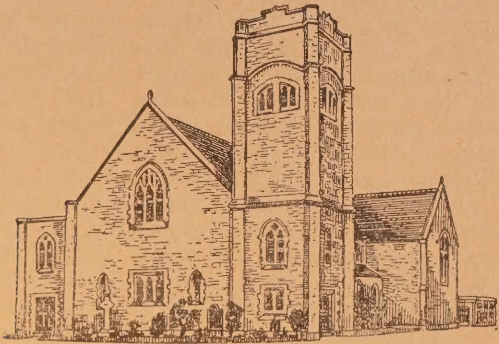
COUNCIL MEETING, 1954

Council meets in First Church, Winnipeg, May 10-14.

THE Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) 1954 will be held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, May 10-14.

The Minister of First Church – Reverend W. Gordon Maclean, M.A., B.D., D.D., has graciously extended the invitation on behalf of his session for the meeting to be held in this lovely Church.

First Church, Winnipeg, was opened in 1927. Its first minister was Dr. N. A. MacEachern. Dr. Maclean has served the congregation since 1931. He was Moderator of the General Assembly, 1946. Dr. Maclean will lead the Council Meeting in worship at the opening session and will conduct the election and installation of the Society's officers.



First Church, Winnipeg

The President of an Evening Auxiliary takes a look at the Society, expressing her thoughts on the purpose of the Society and the methods used to achieve the purpose.

A Member Looks at the Society

by

ALICE ANDERSON

Ephraim Scott Presbyterian Church, Montreal

BECAUSE the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has grown from a tiny beginning in 1864 to its present stature of some 42,000 members across Canada, we know we are members of a live organization. The fact that some have been members for three score years, or more, is evidence of its worth. They get real enjoyment in the congenial company of like-minded Christian women who love God . . . and their neighbours, and aim to carry out Christ's final command, "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." They increase their knowledge of the Church's work in a sympathetic group of women who are often united by a strong bond of friendship as well as the common purpose.

Not a closed order

However, we should guard against becoming a closed Order. Since one cannot be a true Christian and ignore Christ's command, *every* woman of the congregation should be a member of the W.M.S. (either active or Home Helper), but, alas, present members are apt to overlook the real Home Mission work, by failing to attract the others. An invitation, or even accompanying a lady to her first meeting is not enough. She should be extended real, and continued, hospitality, which may be demonstrated in many little ways. Perhaps we should adopt the "Big Sister" idea used in colleges and hospitals, where a senior is companion to the novice for quite some time until she is well acquainted.

The Society responsible for beginnings

The Society has been responsible for many beginnings of both physical and spiritual benefits to people around the world, of which she may be proud, and even though national governments have claimed the institutions, especially hospitals and schools, they're continuing to build on the good foundations laid by our Society, and even yet look to her for administrators or teachers.

Labourers are few

As when Jesus was on earth, the fields are white unto harvest but the labourers are far too few. Do we, individually, appreciate sufficiently the high privilege of being labourers together with God, when we do not assume the responsibility of leadership of our "members of the future" — children and 'teen-age girls who should be trained in Mission Band or Explorers and C.G.I.T. Groups? Where one leader is not available a Committee of two or three ladies should take up the task.

Consider these few lines by George Eliot:

"......................My work is mine,
And, heresy or not, of my hand is
slacked,
I should rob God since He is fullest good —
Leaving a blank instead of violins.
I say, not God himself can make
man's best
Without best men to help Him.
....'Tis God gives skill,
But not without men's hands:
He could not make
Antonio Stradivari's violins
Without Antonio."

Changing methods

Methods have changed with the years, and in order to foster study programmes — to increase knowledge and interest — sewing and handwork at the regular meetings have not been encouraged recently. It's possible that this particular talent, which certain women would use gladly, isn't being utilized as it might be. Home Helpers might make a substantial contribution to the work of the Society in this practical form, as well as by their financial assistance.

I should like to see each Auxiliary strengthen its contact with a missionary, or missionaries, on the field. Besides our prayer partners, couldn't a specific need for a mission school or hospital be indicated to the various Auxiliaries so that by meeting that need the members would probably increase their interest in the work of the Society as a whole, as well as making personal contact with a specific missionary and those with whom she works. We know that a central budget is essential for the splendid distribution which is made of the funds, but figures are cold and impersonal, at best.

Our stewardship of money

Knowing the need throughout the world, we can hardly be satisfied with the efforts heretofore, when we're told that in 1952 the givings of all adult members averaged only $7.62 per year — less than $1.00 per person per month — and yet one Canadian dollar would, during the famine, provide food for a child in India for a *month!* Surely some check should be made on our sense of values in relation to our missionary givings. When we tithe we give what God expects of us, and beyond that is a free will offering. Many have proved God's promise, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down . . . and running over . . . for with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Our attitudes

The Governments of most countries now recognize their dependence on each other, and industrial firms are quick to send their representatives — often called missionaries — to new areas, disregarding the difference of customs or complexion of the people, in order to find a market for their goods. Surely members of a Christian Society have much more to offer, but we cannot hope to approach peoples of other lands if we bear any prejudice or allow ourselves to feel superior in any way. More people of other races are coming, almost daily, to live amongst us and it's a sobering thought to consider that some may accept or reject the Christian way of life because of what they see in us — our everyday behaviour in shops and on trams, and our attitude toward them in the community.

The conduct of our meetings

Touching on the conduct of our meetings, the criticism has been made by visitors that the meeting is "too dry" or uninteresting, and some members have complained that "the same people do everything". Where there is a sincere Christian spirit in the Auxiliary, members will be charitable, and not critical of the efforts of any member, and each one should contribute something towards the meetings. If we use the Bible as our Guide, and place the emphasis of all our efforts on Spiritual values there will surely be a cheerful atmosphere which will attract others to become members. We should bear in mind the Psalmist's injunction: "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

As a chain is judged by its weakest link, so the Society may be judged by its weakest member. Therefore, each one should endeavour to live up to our highest ideals and so help to bring the Kingdom of God on earth.

"The Kingdom of God is a Society of the best men, working for the best ends, according to the best methods. Its membership is a multitude whom no man can number; its methods are as various as human nature; its field is the world . . .

This mysterious Society owns no wealth but distributes fortunes . . . Its law is one word – Loyalty; its Gospel one message – Love."

(Extract from, "The Programme of Christianity" by Henry Drummond).

When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. Luke 22:35.

No scrip, no purse; and yet He sent them forth
A world to win.
A world that restless tossed, as on a wave;
A world He left His Father's Home to save
From all its sin.

No purse of gold, but in each heart a key
To Wealth unknown
His was the power that made blind eyes to see:
Theirs was the word to make a people free,
And Christ enthrone.

No scrip had they, but graven on each heart
A peerless Name.
In flaming letters, as of fire, it glowed,
Reminding them that all to Him they owed:
He was their aim.

No scrip, no purse! Yet as He sent them forth
They feared no call,
For each within his heart His Lord had crowned,
He was the Christ of God: in Him they found
Their all in all.

Walter Fancutt, in The British Weekly.

From Small Beginnings

A most active group of women have proven that the whole work of the whole Church concerns them all! The Women's Guild of Knox Presbyterian Church, YORKTON, Saskatchewan witness at home and abroad.

This important news story was sent by Mrs. Jay Watson, Press Secretary, Saskatchewan.

The first meeting of 1954 of the Women's Guild of Knox Presbyterian Church was held in January in the basement of the Church, when the Reverend M. S. McLean formally installed the newly elected officers. Mr. McLean emphasized the importance and responsibility of each office and urged both members and officers to be consecrated to the work of the W.M.S. and to the work of the Church. The membership has grown from small beginnings until there are now thirty-six members on the roll.

At each meeting a portion of time is allotted to the study of our mission fields and the names of the missionaries who are serving there.

A panel discussion which created much interest and brought out many questions, was conducted under the leadership of Mrs. F. Draper, convener of missions. Taking part in the discussion were Mrs. Pearl McLean, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. Ann Kyle and Mrs. Nellie Greer. The mission fields under discussion were: British Guiana, The Bhil Field, Formosa and Africa.

The report of the Presbyterial held in Regina in February was given at the March meeting by one of the delegates and as a result of this report there was organized an "Home Helper's Group, and a secretary for Welcome and Welfare and a reporter for the Glad Tidings were appointed.

The work of teaching English to Chinese young men recently arrived from China continues to grow, and we feel it is a worthwhile missionary effort which cannot fail to bring results. Mrs. R. Stearn and Mrs. F. Draper hold classes in their homes every day, and they would like to commend this work to other missionary societies, realizing that these young men need our help and understanding in order to show the way of Christian living.

The Women's Guild sponsers a fire-side hour once a month which is held after the evening service on Sunday night. All groups of the church are invited. Films are shown. Recently a film showing the dedication of the church was of special interest.

Work groups are now meeting in the homes of members in different parts of the city and at present are making quilts to give to Reverent Mr. Dickson to take back with him to Formosa. Three quilts are now finished.

The Guild has purchased material for choir gowns for the Junior Choir and these will be ready to use on Palm Sunday when the Junior choir will be in charge of the music at the morning service.

For the Easter thank-offering service a pageant is being prepared "The Challenge of the Cross". This will be an open meeting when a record attendance is expected.

We are looking forward to great things in the year ahead, having started from very small beginnings, we can truly say "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

I Saw the Morning Break

Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world of strife,
And know that out of the death and night shall rise
The dawn of ampler life.

Rejoice, whatever anguish rend the heart,
That God has given you the priceless dower
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour,

That ye may tell your sons who see the light,
High in the heavens, their heritage to take:
I saw the powers of darkness take their flight;
I saw the morning break.

—*Found in a soldier's pocket.*

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

Miss Edith Magee, B.A.

Miss Magee returns to Jhansi leaving the end of May, shortening her furlough by three months that she may be in the field when the School opens July first. This means a sacrifice on Miss Magee's part but she felt there were matters pending concerning the school which required both her and Miss Leask's attention.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

Miss Kennedy will be one of the leaders at Pre-Assembly Congress.

MISS KENNEDY

MISS MAGEE

We are proud that Congress Committee has requested Miss Kennedy for the Mission's presentation at the Nation-Wide Presbyterian Church gathering.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, R.N.

We are proud and gratified to announce that Miss Bessie MacMurchy has passed her exams successfully and now holds a Public Health certificate. She spends May in Toronto observing various projects in Public health. We congratulate Miss MacMurchy on her outstanding success.

The question has been asked: "How far have the Bhil people in India progressed as a result of Christian missionary influence?" Miss Kennedy answers that question as she proves that

The Bhils Assume Leadership

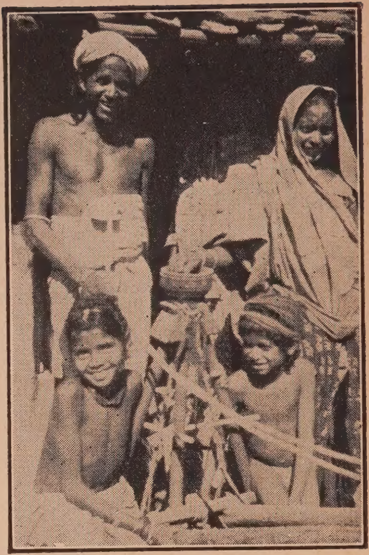
by

MARGARET KENNEDY

We were planning for a Christian Home Festival on the Bhil field in India. The Committee, representative of the congregation together with one or two missionaries, had met to draw up the programme and we had arrived at the thought of how the final service of re-dedication for the Christian families might be arranged. In line with the India Christian Home Committee's suggestions, I put forward the idea of there being a central light in the Church from which the heads of families could light their family lamps and so the light would be carried to each home. The Bhil Christian pastor and elders considered this for a moment and decided definitely that they could not agree to the suggestion. It might make the ceremony too alike to the Hindu Festival of Lights and they did not want the Hindus thinking that they were giving allegiance to the goddess Lakshmi. The families carried branches instead of lights.

Whence this independence of thought by these Bhil Christians, a people despised down through the ages because of their "lower culture"? During the recent famine when the skies were being watched daily for rain, the "town crier" came through the streets proclaiming that the village officials were calling all peoples to a certain place outside the village that there might be joint intercession to the gods for rain. Our Indian pastor politely let it be known that the Christians too would join in the prayers but they would prefer to do so in the service of worship in the Church and so it was done. Here was a consciousness among the Bhil Christian leaders, who are not very learned nor great, that they must make their own decisions in vital matters irrespective of the decisions of state officials or of others. I thought of this when I read a quotation from a South Indian Bishop the other day: "We have to show India not what we have in common with her other religions, but what we have different."

The Bhils of course are an independent people anyway or they would not have been able to keep their own culture amidst the encroachments of Hinduism. Added to this and tempering it has come the liberating power of the truth in Christ, so here is the foundation for a strong Christian Church. For this we hope, for this we work and pray. It is now no new thing for the Church sessions and the Presbytery to carry on their business in a proper manner under their own leadership and many a transgressor is called before the court of the Session to receive warning or punishment. The Clerk of Presbytery, an Indian padre, receives the allocated dues from our seven organized congregations and besides paying the necessary amount to the General Assembly of the United Church of North India, another payment is that of the salary of the Presbytery evangelist working on the Home Mission field. Now one of the padres and a young evangelist are both able to study and prepare to teach well enough to have a part in giving instruction in our Bible School. It is encouraging that we now have over 20 Bhil men who are evangelists in the villages, many of them being alone with their families in a wide non-Christian district, and more boys are still applying to the Bible School. These evangelists are mission-supported, it is true but all of them could turn to part-time farm work or teaching if that were necessary. It is of interest too to note that all congregations are responsible for the running and staffing of their own Sunday schools, and 2 years ago in Jobat, the congregation endorsed the suggestion of a young teacher that now it was time to start taking up an offering in the Sunday School as well as in the Church service.



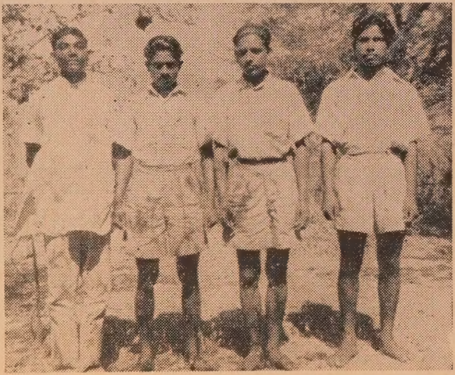
The Bhils are an independent people.

Women have their part to play in the way of women's groups, Sunday School teaching and very often,

A Bhil pastor and his family.

they are represented on the Board of Managers. Some time ago, there was an attempt to start a community women's organization in the State and the Christian women were asked to help in its inauguration. They were amazed at the inadequacy of the village women to arrange and conduct a meeting, so eventually the latter were invited to come to a meeting of our women's Christian Endeavour, and I must say I was proud of the poised confidence of these Bhil Christian women as they conducted their meeting before the wives of the local officials.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" – hence the importance of our schools in the development of Christian leadership. Boys and girls from nearby small homes, have learned



Schools are important in development of Christian leadership. Bhil young men trained to be teachers.

to think, to judge, to know themselves as partakers of the great heritage prepared for the sons and daughters of God and now many are teaching the next generation in little village schools, in the Amkhut central school, and in Government schools. Not all children stay long years at school as many help with the farm work at an early age, but most reach the 4th class, so that reading and writing stays with them, and they can take part in the Church services. As in the schools, so in the hospital and wider medical programme, the staff are all locally trained Bhil Christians and the healing of the body is associated with hospital prayers, prayer in the operating room, prayer in the villages before a clinic is held. Every Sunday in the hospital service, the staff members in charge will remind the patients that whereas they have come to receive bodily healing, there is the more important healing of the spirit to be found in this Christian hospital.

The learning of other skills has been made available to Bhil boys so that now, after visiting with the Bhil staff in the Amkhut school, you might rest in the hostel manager's room or the matron's room (both of these helpers were once pupils here), on a chair made by a local farmer who does carpentering in the slack season. You might be offered fruit from Stephan's garden — yes, Stephan *is* the electrician but he does farming and market gardening in his spare time. You could ride on different local buses and find the drivers were Bhil Christians and if you drove down to the market, you'd find a Bhil Christian's tailoring shop amidst the Hindu shopkeepers. These young adults must give their own reasons to those around them as to why they are Christians a status still slightly tinged with "western imperialism."

There are difficulties, temptations and yes, even backslidings, in the Christian community on the Bhil field, but the Church of Jesus Christ *is* established, and as I have indicated above, a local leadership has developed and is increasing. Some of the leadership stems from intangible influences that surround the children growing up in school, home and Church, where Christ's teachings on the importance of each individual's contribution is felt. On chosen groups, influence is brought to bear in teacher-training classes, in refresher classes for evangelists and pastors, and in Christian Home training and Bible study classes for young women. Most important of all, we of the Bhil field trust that this community of Christians will continue to grow in the knowledge that it is a people redeemed of God, called out for His glory and for the furthering of His Kingdom among their own people.

Sharing in Canadian Missions

NATIONAL STAFF CHANGES

Miss Hazel Turnbull

Miss Hazel Turnbull — who has been working among the Chinese in Toronto for the past four months, will go to Montreal the end of April to work in the Chinese Centre there. She replaces Miss Muriel Judd who, as we announced last month, goes to the Peace River early in May.

MISS TURNBULL

Miss Fay MacTavish

It was a distinct loss to our National work when Miss Fay McTavish decided to leave our staff. Miss McTavish, who was a member of our Chinese staff in Toronto for fifteen years, gave unselfishly of her time and energy and endeared herself to the Chinese people. Our good wishes go with her in her new field of endeavour.

Miss Margaret Near, B.A.

Miss Margaret Near, B.A. — who has been assisting in extension work in Regina, Presbytery of Assiniboia, is the newly appointed worker in the Chinese Work in Toronto.

MISS NEAR

Miss Florence Goertzen

Miss Florence Goertzen – moves from Calgary to Regina to replace Miss Near. Miss Goertzen has been working for the past year under the direction of the Home Mission Committee, Presbytery of Calgary.

MISS GOERTZEN

I pray that He may send you all you need
To meet the daily stress of work and prayer:
Health for the body, that the spirit, freed
From every hindering thought and care, may speed
Straight to the Heart of God and shelter there.
Strength for the mind, that every latent power
May be inspired by God the Spirit's Might,
And rise responsive to it hour by hour
In secret joy or through interior night;
Peace for the soul, so deep, so strong, so sure,
So hidden in the Love of God, so pure,
That all your life, within, without, may be
A holy shrine of deepening sanctity.

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Toward A Better Understanding Of The Canadian Indian

by

REVEREND J. ELDON ANDREWS, B.A., B.D., M.Th.

Mr. Andrews, former principal of Cecelia Jeffery Indian School now preparing to go to serve in Formosa has given much thought to the Canadian Indian. This is the second in the series of articles.

The earliest records of Indian-white contacts indicate that the explorers, for example, found the Indians to be anything but savage. Everyone knows how Columbus described them as gentle beings, curious and merry, walking in beauty, and possessors of a spiritual religion. Sir Francis Drake thought that the Indians were people whose natures could hardly be described except through the language of music; peoples joyously hospitable, who seemed free as birds.

It is certainly true to say that, generally speaking though with some tribal exceptions perhaps, the Indians were gentle and peace-loving people. They engaged in inter-tribal wars, to be sure, but wars among them followed definite traditional rules, and often resembled inter-tribal games, rough though they were. Strange as it may seem to us, wars in primitive societies are often closely related to humour, and the motives for war familiar to us are rarely in evidence. In such wars religious rites, dancing, hurling of insults back and forth between opposing sides, downright clowning, and so on, were curiously mixed up with the more serious business of avenging the enemy. The members of military clubs and societies were often at the same time the professional buffoons of the tribe, the champions of organized nonsense. Ritual played an important part in Indian wars, both sides participating, proceeding step by step, taking turns according to accepted rule. Scalps or other trophies were taken not from sheer love of killings as we may think, but in response to the primitive compulsion to establish the valour of the warrior. Many Indians, moreover, felt a deep sense of horror and pollution in the act of killings, and engaged in ritual purifications and washings for a fortnight or more after scalping or otherwise killing an enemy.

The fact that some of the above may not make very much sense to us does not alter the fact that it made very good sense indeed to primitive people. War in their societies did not have the same purpose or aims that it does in ours, and one of its main functions was to increase and maintain the hardihood of the male population, for upon this hardihood the life and future of the tribe depended.

The White Man's Influence on Indian Warfare

With the coming of the white man much of this changed. When we are tempted to think of the Indian as a savage, we will do well to remember that when he fought with white men he was savagely fighting back against the threat, more often real than imagined, of tribal extermination. In tribal societies death of the individual has no real meaning except as it may affect the life and future security of the tribe as a whole. It was not uncommon among American Indian tribes, if further resistance seemed fruitless, to substitute the will to die for the normal will to live. When this happened the white man was confronted by a new problem, more frustrating than the old, that of standing helplessly by while the slow relentless process of tribal suicide was enacted and dragged over the years before his eyes. The Indians are a proud people, and justly so.

The Indian's Characteristics

What is misunderstood in the Indian for lack of spontaneity, or for a kind of native sluggishness in emotional response, is in reality a protective shell of dignified reserve behind which he withdraws in the presence of non-Indian people whom he has not yet chosen to take into his confidence. In general this attitude is pretty typical of the Indian's response to white civilization as a whole, not excluding, let us bear in mind, its religious and missionary advances in his direction. It behooves the missionary, or anyone else who wishes to approach the Indian, to tread with extreme caution in his direction and in his midst. This is not to say that he is treacherous, for he is characterized by a most winsome kind of sincerity and shy innocence; but the Indian possesses to a very high degree that faculty, which is common and highly developed among Oriental peoples the world over, I think, of erecting in the presence of unwelcome intrusion a frigid wall of impenetrable reserve through which none may pass except at the bidding of the Indian himself. Our dominant reactions in the face of this sometimes unyielding attitude on the part of the Indian tend to be impatience, frustration, sometimes even indignation and anger. There is, we tend to feel, something perverse about the Indian who so persistently refuses so much of what we have to offer. There is only one solution to this problem: dedicated, thorough, scientific anthropological research into the psychology and culture of the Indian in order to gain for ourselves sympathetic understanding not only of him, but of his way of life.

What of Other Notions?

What of some of those other notions about Indians which seem to be prevalent if not general among white people? The first thing we have to remember, of course, is that among Indians, as among ourselves or any other people, there are all types both good and poor.

To begin at the head of the list which I noted in the second paragraph of this article, the Indian is not lazy and shiftless; he merely has a philosophy of work, and of the value of possessions incidentally, which is different from ours. The Indian believes that enough is enough. The white man believes that when he has enough he is only just beginning. In primitive societies, moreover, the division of labour as between men and women is always exceedingly sharp. Indians still tend to retain many of the old distinctions even though in their changing society the original function served by some of these distinctions is no longer clear or valid. Far from being dishonest, we may note also, the Indian is usually scrupulously, almost naively, honest. Frequently, I believe, his vocabulary did not even possess words to describe the kind of deceit which was practised upon him from time to time by unscrupulous white men. In the end the Indian was overcome as much by a kind of psychological paralysis as by the superior physical force. Sometimes he was left stunned and stripped of all his ability to act in the face of unfaithfulness and guile, because there was nothing in his tradition or experience by aid of which he could interpret or understand the new forms of deceit which were introduced by white society.

Given work that is suitable to his background, training and temperament, the Indian is not undependable as a worker, but extremely conscientious and reliable. He has, however, a different conception of "Time" from ours, and this sometimes lands both the Indian and his white employer into embarrass-ing situations. The Indian tends to think in terms of seasons rather than in terms of days and hours, which is a bit awkward.

Is the Indian wasteful? Certainly not by nature. Traditionally he was a natural conservationist, as anyone who knows anything about Indians will testify. He is also still, so far as the natural resources of our country are concerned. However, he does not think of the value of things in terms of dollars and cents so much as in terms of their immediate usefulness. The average Indian is still somewhat baffled, I think, by the plentitude which exists in white society. His native sense of frugality and economy, upon which his very existence once depended, appears to him to have lost much of his old meaning.

The Indian Mode of Life

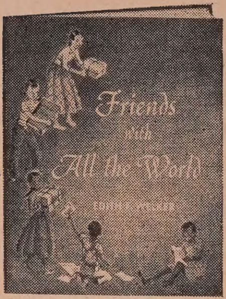
What of the common notion that the Indian is a squatter and a sponger? Most Indians were nomadic, that is to say, they led a wandering and not a settled life. They had a whole continent over which to roam, and many of them did not live in settled villages. Their homes, therefore, were not of the type or construction that they could be handed down from father to son, but were rather transportable items of gear somewhat in the nature of baggage. The Northern Indian particularly, is still a nomad. This is not at all the same as being a squatter and a sponger. Moreover, the Indian rarely steals in our sense of the word. Traditionally, stealing, like warfare, had as one of its primary functions the establishment of the valour and superior cunning of the tribesman. When a Crow Indian stole a horse from a neighbouring tribe, to take one example — we are talking now about the early days before the influence of the white man. (The Spanish had imported horses in such numbers that, strayed, stolen, and running wild, the horse had transformed the life of the Plains Indians long before they ever saw a white man.) — significance attached not to stealing just any old horse, but to stealing the best obtainable, in broad daylight, from the centre of the compound, under the noses, and often under the very eyes, of the enemy.

We need to recall in this connection also that the Indian tends to think in terms of communal ownership rather than in terms of private property. The rule of his old society was the unlocked door. Any Indian, lost, cold, or hungry during a journey was free to enter a cabin even in the absence of the Indian owner and help himself, not to anything he wanted, of course, but to anything he needed to sustain him on his way, no questions asked. Great shame attached to the abuse of such privilege and hospitality.

(To be Continued)

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.



Friends with all the World

by EDITH F. WELKER

"IT has been said that in the life of every child God gives the world another chance . . . All who work with children become aware of this and in the plan of missionary education they work on the theory that world understanding begins with children."

The above is a quotation from the book FRIENDS WITH ALL THE WORLD by Edith F. Welker recently published by Friendship Press. If "world understanding" begins with children how important it is that leaders of children know how to help the children with whom they work to become friends with all the world. The purpose of the book is to help leaders and parents to do just that. It is an interestingly written book on missionary education methods to be used with children from the ages of three to eleven years.

The author who has had a great deal of experience in working with children says, "Missionary Education doesn't just happen. It grows out of the earnest efforts of a teacher who has a zeal for the missionary cause and who is working with children eager and willing to learn." To illustrate her points Miss Welker has her readers follow through the lives of Beth and Bob from the age of three to eleven and witness their developing attitudes and interests and proving that "Missionary education is not limited to any one time or any one spot. It takes place whenever and wherever the Christian concern of children for their fellows is awakened."

Accounts of actual experiences show us how missionary education can be accomplished in the home, in church, in church school and mid-week groups, in vacation church school, in camp and how church and home can work together to make "missions come alive".

Emphasis is placed upon the fact that missionary education begins "where we are", with the equipment we have, and we are shown how we can make the best use of what we have. Suggestions are made as to suitable materials and activities, helpful books and how planning can be done that the best use will be made of resources. Accounts of incidents which have really happened prove that "it can be done".

FRIENDS WITH ALL THE WORLD is a most attractive book with pages delightfully illustrated by Janet Smalley. Parents will find it helpful and every leader of every children's group should have a copy. We hope that auxiliaries will see that the leaders of the children's groups in their congregations are provided with copies. The book is worth reading and thinking about. The result of such reading and thought should be to make the reader realize anew that "There is no limit to the missionary work we can do beginning with one child."

PEAR TREE BLOSSOMING

by

LEETA MCCULLY CHERRY

When orchards all are freighted
And highways pink with bloom,
I have one small Pear Tree
Outside my room.

No one knows who planted it,
No one gives it care,
Yet every spring, it blooms again,
Fragrant and fair.

Year by year returning
The nesting robins sing.
And honey bees go laden,
With gold dust on each wing.

And as those drifting petals
Like pearls be-gem the sod,
That one small vagrant Pear Tree
Just lifts my heart to God.

Is Your Auxiliary Book-Conscious?

by

LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

"THE reading of good books is a remarkably fine investment, the value of which cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents, but which will pay dividends all through your life, not only in increased knowledge and understanding, but in the inspiration of increased service to your God, your country, and your fellow men." Dr. Sidney Smith, President of Toronto University, spoke those words in accepting the new Memorial Library of the School of Nursing, but, in their good judgment and wise guidance, they are equally applicable to everyone, and especially to the members of the Women's Missionary Society, wherever they may be.

Need For Books

To be efficient workers in our own Auxiliaries, and intelligent participants in our Motto — The World For Christ — we must seek to know that world as it is today; its peoples, their problems and backgrounds; what is being done to help and win them, and what can still be done. We must read, study and learn, regularly, individually, and together as a group, if we are to understand and progress with our minds, as well as our hearts. This we cannot do except through books, those friends and teachers to which one can always turn for help, and these we have in quantities — excellent ones, especially written by authorities upon their subjects, in many cases having spent their whole lives in acquiring the knowledge given. Horizons cannot but widen as we read of far-away places and peoples, and sense the meaning, methods, and threat of those powerful subversive movements in the world today. In our books, we realize anew the background history of our Presbyterian Church and its work, as well as that of other Churches, and are touched and inspired by the lives of those great Christians who have selflessly carried the message of Christ throughout the world. Next to our Study Books, these should be the textbooks of all missionary-minded women — and most of them are available through our own Literature Department.

Need for a Literature Secretary

Every Auxiliary needs a good Literature Secretary, but, if for some reason, you have none, don't allow the Auxiliary reading to suffer accordingly, because this supplementary reading is essential to growth in understanding and enthusiasm. Devise other ways and means of getting well chosen books into circulation. Perhaps the Executive might sponsor a Book Shower of selected titles, or, if there is surplus expense-money, purchase some of the better ones. One group could make this a special project; each member donating a book, taking her turn as custodian and book guide, and collecting the rental charge of ten cents per week — this used to provide more books. Place prominently a gay box labelled "For the Books! Give What You Can", and that may help to start a little library. A friendly "Book Tea" held at some members home might bring good results in small givings. Stress the good slogan "Each One Buy One!" and see what happens!

How can you get the most use and value out of these books? By sharing them, of course, and by displaying them at every meeting. Part of an interesting chapter could be read each month, or one member give a brief resume of a chosen book. Special highlights can often be dramatized, and if ten minutes of each programme is allotted to "Book Presentation", worthwhile interest can be always upheld. Occasionally it is possible to use an excerpt from certain books in a devotional period. When the group has read any book, either singly or aloud together, group Discussion should follow and the resultant findings be later presented to the Auxiliary. I need not suggest here which books to buy, for Miss Reith regularly reviews the best of them in THE GLAD TIDINGS, and is ready with Book Lists and good advice at any time. Those shedding further light on the year's study will be first choice, but then you will want to go further afield in this fascinating quest for knowledge, either for yourself or your group, and by that time only your available funds will limit your choice!

May Thy love possess us wholly
Till our love be love indeed,
And we stand beside our brethren
In the valley of their need.

R. B. Y. Scott.

Jane Goes To Camp

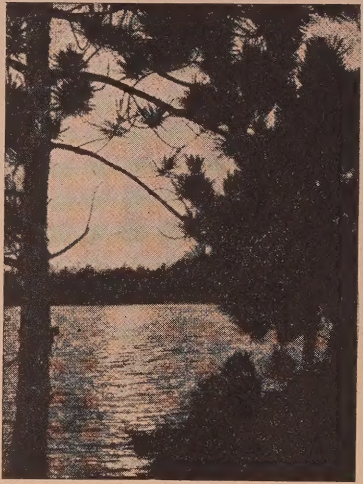
by

Anne MacEachern

Jane could not sleep. She tossed around and vowed she was not going to think of camp again. It was not easy to forget. Those same old questions came back. "Why did I say I'd go to camp in the first place? I should have known better. The campers are probably a 'stuck-up bunch; and I'll not know any of them. All my friends will be having fun and there I'll be for a whole ten days."

Jane must have slept because she heard her mother say, "Wake up, Jane, or you'll miss the train." How Jane wished she could miss that train; but she couldn't tell her mother that. Her mother thought it was a real honour to be chosen to represent their church at camp.

On the train Jane sat across the aisle from some other girls her age. They were having a great time; but Jane was feeling very lonely. When the conductor took Jane's ticket he said, "Well, it looks as if you are going to camp. Are you?" Before Jane had time to answer the girls across the aisle repeated the question eagerly. As she replied they bounded across to her seat and proceeded to tell about last year's camp.



Camp sounded rather exciting. There were camp-fires, treasure-hunts, handicrafts, sports and many other items that brought back many happy memories to the girls. They even said the Bible Study was interesting; and that they had great discussions because their leaders were such good sports that they could talk to them about almost anything.

By the time Jane had reached the camp she had decided to make the best of it. She was the first one in her cabin and after she had chosen her bunk her cabin counsellor helped her to get settled. After that came a tour of camp and a game of volley ball. Jane had never played volley ball before but no one seemed to care if she made mistakes. This was fun.

In a few days Jane found she was really busy. She was learning to swim and had learned to float already. She was singing new camp songs which she could teach the girls in C.G.I.T. at home. They surely needed some new songs.

Something else was happening to Jane too. When they sat quietly in the outdoor chapel at sunset she really felt that God was near. Before, she had sometimes felt that God was speaking to her but she did not particularly listen. Now she felt very guilty and could see how foolish she had been. When their visitor spoke of the change Christ made in lives in India, Jane said to herself. "He is changing my life too. From now on I am going to seek His guidance every day just as we've done at camp."

Before many days Jane was back to school but she didn't forget camp. She was so enthusiastic about it that all her friends wished they had gone too. Jane had so many new ideas; and she was always getting letters from campers. Her chums thought it must have been fun to have so many friends. Jane would agree to this but most important of all was the fact that Jane found, at camp, the Friend who said, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Jane had not forgotten her promise to God at camp, and with His daily guidance she was busier and happier than she had ever been before.

CAMPING IS FUN

by EILEEN THOMPSON

It was late afternoon. Anne Evans and Jane Tompkins hurried along the road. They were on their way to Explorers.

As they turned the corner of Elm Street and Westview Drive, the sun was sinking in a red blaze of glory. Both girls stopped to watch the sunset. Reluctant to take his leave of the day, the sun playfully caressed the windows and sidewalks of the street, turning them to gold.

"Oh, Anne," exclaimed Jane, "Have you *ever* seen such a beautiful sunset?"

"Yes, it's very lovely," Anne agreed, "It reminds me of camp last summer. One evening after chapel service, all the campers stood on the hillside and watched the sun set over the lake. I'll never forget it, Jane. Nobody said a word. We just watched until the sun disappeared below the horizon. Gee! It won't be long until 'camp time' is here again!" The girls turned the corner and walked up the road leading to St. Andrew's Church.

"I'm going to camp again this year, all being well," said Anne, "Last year was my first time at camp. You'll *have* to come this year, Jane. You'd love it."

Jane paused for a moment. "Maybe I will, Anne. Tell me about camp. What sort of things happen there?"

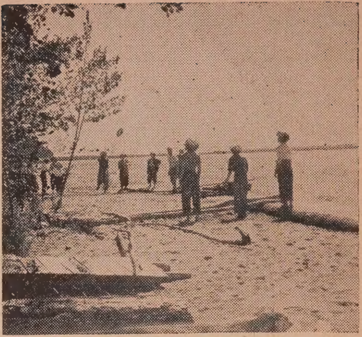
Anne's blue eyes twinkled and she laughed, "Oh, just about everything happens at camp. For one thing, we live together in cabins, about eight campers in each. There is a counsellor in charge of each cabin. We had a great time chosing a nickname for our counsellor last year. Finally we decided to call her "Happy because it described her so well."

"My, that sounds like lots of fun! Tell me more".

"Oh, I hardly know where to begin," said Anne, "We have discovery groups. I chose the "Trees and Flowers" group. We learned all kinds of things. Do you remember the log candleholder, on our piano, last Christmas? Well, I made that at camp. Mother was very pleased with it."

"Yes, I remember it, Anne. What else did you do?"

"Well, every morning after breakfast, we used to gather under the trees for Bible study. Somehow being outdoors made God more real. Everything you see reminds you that He made it. Our group wrote a litany . . ."



"What's a litany, Anne?"

"Oh, a litany is a sort of prayer thanking God for all the good things He has given us. "Skipper" the camp director, thought it was so good that she pinned it on the bulletin board."

"Did you have any swimming? and what about games?"

"Oh, yes. Lots. I had such a time! You see, everyone has to have a 'buddy' when they go swimming. It helps the swimming counsellor to keep track of everybody. Well, my 'buddy' and I were always getting separated in the water, and when "Splash' the swimming counsellor blew the whistle for '*buddies hold hands up*' we always had to make *such* a dash for it."

"Did you only have chapel service on Sunday?'

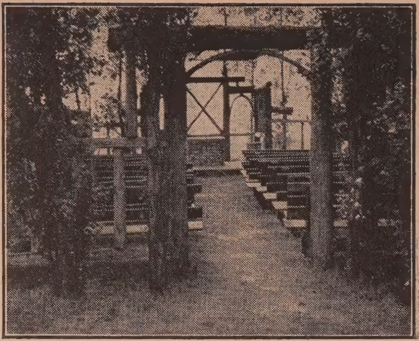
"Oh, no. We had evening praise in the chapel every day. I always had a wonderful feeling as we sat there under the trees, singing our camp hymns and learning about God, in the out-of-dors."

"I suppose everyone went to bed after chapel service?"

"No, we always had a short programme over in the "hall." One evening we had a "Stunt Night." It was very funny. Each cabin and all the leaders had to do something and keep it secret until evening. Our cabin dressed up and put on a real story about Africa. But we had a great time keeping it a secret."

"Goodness. You had all kinds of things. What did you do after lunch?"

Anne smiled. "After lunch, we always had a sing-song. How we all enjoyed it, too! "Melody" the singing counsellor taught us some of the funniest action songs! You know the one I taught you about the honest carpenter. Well, I learned that at camp."



"What did you really like best about camp, Anne?"

"Oh, that's a hard question to answer. I enjoyed everything so much. All the campers were so happy and so friendly, and the leaders were just grand. One of my cabin pals who lives in Ingersoll writes to me quite often."

"You know, Anne," said Jane, as they walked through the gateway to the church, "I'd love to go to camp this year. Tonight, when I go home, I'm going to ask Mom and Dad about it."

Anne smiled at her friend. Her eyes were bright with memory. "Oh, do ask them, Jane. I'm sure they'll say yes. Then we can both go together and won't we have the time of our lives?"

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL Annual Meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Penticton,** opening with an evening meeting. The President, Mrs. K. B. McKechnie of **Armstrong** was in the chair. The minister of the church, Reverend Samuel McGladdery led the devotions and welcomed the members and visitors. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President, extended greetings. The Regional Secretary, Miss Grace Mackay told of her trip to Prince George where a church has just been organized and also of the new work among the Hungarians of Vancouver. A very interesting report was given by Mrs. A. MacSween, of the Presbyterian Camp on Little Shushwap Lake. Reports by the various secretaries and the treasurer were encouraging and showed that much hard work had been done. Seven hundred and thirty three dollars was the amount raised which was $33.00 in excess of the allocation. A remembrance service was held in honour of Mrs. W. J. Smith of **Armstrong,** a past president, and Mrs. Wilkie of **Vernon.** An impressive service of installation was conducted by Mrs. W. J. Murdock. Mrs. K. B. McKechnie of Armstrong was re-elected President.

The Explorers of Knox Church, **Vernon, B.C.** having completed an exploration of "Home" entertained their mothers and friends on a Saturday afternoon at a Springtime tea.

A short Service of Worship was led by the Keeper of the Log, Shirley Davidson. "What is Your Address?" was the caption of an action piece. The missionary collection was received in the new silver plate recently presented by the Explorers to the Church.

The guests were welcomed to the social hour by Chief Explorer, Debbie Wessell. Mothers received pin cushion thimble holders made by their daughters. A plant in a novel glass container was a surprise presentation to Counsellor Mrs. John McCulloch. Mrs. G. R. Paterson is also a Counsellor.

Frances Pagan, librarian, directed the games. Barbara Pagan told a story. Ian and Keith Paterson and Sheanne McCulloch played piano selections.

The Knox Explorers with never more than eight members have made their Mothers' Tea an annual event for the past three years. Early this year they paid for lumber for the bookcase which one of the men of the church made for their small but growing library.

A meeting of the women interested in forming a women's group in connection with St. Giles Presbyterian Church, **Prince George,** was held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Wilcox. The regional secretary, Miss Grace Mackay led the devotions and discussed the various types of groups within the Presbyterian Church. The group decided to be an affiliated group of the Women's Missionary Society and it is to be known as the St. Giles' Ladies' Group.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — A very pleasant evening was spent in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, **Creston,** at a farewell dinner for Reverend and Mrs. Robertson, the former having received a call to St. Paul's Church, **Vancouver.** Mrs. Robertson was honoured by the members of the Women's Missionary Society, the Home Helpers and the Mission Band. The presentation was made by Mrs. Dow.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL—The fortieth Annual meeting of Victoria Presbyterial convened in St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria** under the capable leadership of Mrs. H. Warren, President. Delegates attended from **Nanaimo, Sooke, Gorge-Erskine, St. Paul's** and the local auxiliary. The devotional theme, "Our Lord's call to Service" was carried out through all sessions. The departmental reports were all satisfactory. Mrs. R. A. Davis' work with the Girls' Organizations, Mrs. W. G. Argyle's with the Young Women's and Evening Departments, Miss G. Scott with the Chinese and Mrs. W. A. Dempsey's Welcome and Welfare report deserve special mention. The treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Scott gave a splendid report. A story-telling festival is planned for the juniors. The greetings and words of encouragement by Mr. A. C. Wilson for St. Andrew's Church by Reverend R. Lyttle, **Sooke,** Moderator and by Reverend T. H. McAllister, were most acceptable. Mrs. Murdoch, Synodical President, gave an impressive address and conducted the installation ceremony. The closing words of this splendid Presbyterial were a prayer by Mrs. Gaines Cameron, the newly appointed president.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Under the able leadership of Mrs. E. P. Fox, the President, **Westminster** Presbyterial held a very successful one day session in Central Church, **Vancouver.** Miss Ellen Douglas in the devotional services, traced the progress of the Children of Israel—the chosen race—led by a God of miracles; safely brought to the Land of Promise, Moses was not permitted to see the results of his labour. They were led to a life of service under their new leader Joshua.

The treasurer's report showed an increase of $600. given over last year's givings. There was an increase in the Children's Work, both in groups and givings. Greater interest was shown in the Welcome and Welfare Department and also in the Evening Department.

Special speakers were Reverend Metzger of the Hungarian Church, **Vancouver,** and Miss Hazel Reaveley of Jhansi, India, and both brought inspiring messages. Miss Reaveley spoke of the Christian Mass Movement. Both speakers asked for interest and prayers for their respective labours.

Mrs. E. P. Fox was returned as President and the 1954 officers were installed by Reverend J. M. Pollock.

ALBERTA

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PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual meeting of **Calgary** Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church preceeded by a prayer service in Knox Church on the evening before. Here, every phase of our work was brought in prayer to the throne of grace, with thanksgiving for work done and continued blessings in the days ahead.

Reverend Dr. Toth, minister of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church gave an excellent address. The president, Mrs. J. G. Moors welcomed the delegates to the Presbyterial meetings.

On the whole, a successful year was reviewed.

The work done by the women's group of Calvin Hungarian Church was outlined. The majority in this group do not speak English so it is necessary to translate into their own language all the material studied from Glad Tidings. The members are becoming familiar with our mission fields. They have met and increased their allocation. In addition to the work they have done for our mission work, this group has done work for refugee missions in the following ways:

1. Supplied refugee missionaries in Italy and Germany with gift parcels of clothing;

2. Supplied a Hungarian Presbyterian refugee missionary in Italy with money sufficient for his maintenance for three months. He is an ordained minister, a refugee himself and is doing work all over Italy in ten refugee camps among 2,000 Hungarian Protestants.

3. Supported the Hungarian publications "New Life" and "Quiet Times" with donations.

During the devotion period Mrs. Peddie of **Banff** pointed out what our love for the Scriptures ought to be.

Reverend J. McLeod, the speaker at the evening meeting struck the right note for all present who had a love for missionary endeavour saying, "a church without a missionary program is not a true church."

Grace Church, **Calgary** afternoon auxiliary of the W.M.S. at their January meeting presented Honourary Life Memberships to Mrs. J. A. Clarke and Mrs. John Marshall who have given many years of service as treasurers in various departments of the W.M.S. work, also to Mrs. Ethel Rose who 25 years ago organized a W.M.S. group in which she is still a faithful worker.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL—The annual meeting of the Macleod Presbyterial of the W.M.S. was held in St. John's Church, **Medicine Hat,** with the President, Mrs. G. G. Elder presiding.

The treasurer reported a very gratifying support of the General Fund. Donations of money, layettes and clothing were sent to the Indian School at Rossburn, Manitoba. In addition, the Isabel Taylor, Hargrave and Ruby Walker guilds contributed $60.00 towards the education of a girl in the Formosan school where Miss Isabel Taylor teaches. The children's secretary reported the organization of a new Mission Band group in St. John's Church.

The afternoon session began with a discussion period on "Why Missions," followed by a very interesting address given by Sister Elise Cseke, Hungarian deaconess in the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Miss Cseke stressed the fact that home life has a big effect on the minds of young people.

In the old country, a deaconess is called Sister. Miss Cseke, who works in the Lethbridge district, conducts Sunday School and adult Bible classes in Taber for farm labourers and sugar factory workers.

Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Matron at the **Medicine Hat** Presbyterian Training School conducted the installation ceremony for the new officers.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — In the absence of our President, Mrs. Alexander, who is on a holiday in Hawaii, Mrs. P. Weber occupied the chair for the **Carstairs** meeting. There were 23 members present as well as two visitors from **Olds.**

Mrs. John Ross who was our guest speaker for the afternoon, spoke on the new Study Book "Where'er the Sun." Mrs. Maybanks, who is Literature Secretary for **Red Deer** Presbyterial, displayed books.

A quilt made for the supply allocation is ready to be sent.

The Mission Band is progressing very well with their weekly study.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — A fitting climax to two special youth services held in Knox Church, **Moose Jaw,** was the affiliation of the newly organized C.G.I.T. with the Women's Missionary Society. It took place during the evening service. Six girls with their leaders Mrs. C. W. Logan and Mrs. H. Fletcher made their pledges of allegiance in the candle-lighting service. Mrs. W. Kelly, Presbyterial President outlined the missionary goals and achievements of the W.M.S.—both nationally and overseas —and lit the large candle representing the extent of the work. Mrs. E. M. Sisson, President of the Evening Department, lit the second candle as a symbol of the work of the Auxiliary. The girls accepted the challenge to serve and spread the light of the Gospel.

The Recessional, in the glow of candlelight, concluded an impressive service.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Nine members of the Explorers Group of Walter Martin Memorial Church, **Regina,** were initiated at a meeting held in conjunction with the women of the congregation, who are sponsoring the group. Explorer pins were presented by Mrs. John Shaw, President of the Regina Presbyterial, and 1st Stars by Miss Margaret Near, assisted by Mrs. B. Fitzsimmons, Explorer Counseller, Mrs. J. Perry led in the study on "Of Such is the Kingdom".

The West End Circle of First Presbyterian Church, **Regina,** under the convenership of Mrs. George Jones were fortunate in having Mrs. J. A. Browne lecture and show slides of her recent trip to the British Isles and Europe. A large and interested gathering greatly enjoyed the view of historical sites and monuments and close-up views of the coronation route and elaborate decorations.

The 40th annual meeting of the Regina Presbyterial of the W.M.S. convened in First Presbyterial Church, **Regina.** The theme of the meetings was "Our Reasonable Service". An informal supper in the church hall preceded the evening service, which opened the two day conference.

Reverend R. L. Taylor, **Medicine Hat,** was the guest speaker at the service and illustrated his address on the Holy land with slides of pictures taken on a personal visit.

Delegates were present from **Yorkton, Broadview, Estevan, Strasbourg, Govan, Indian Head, Moosomin Stoughton, Qu'Appelle,** and from the **Regina** Churches.

Reverend G. A. Cunningham brought greetings from Presbytery and presented the report on summer camps. Miss J. Walls, Synodical President, led in the discussions on the various reports and her helpful counsel was much appreciated.

Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sneath and Mrs. Wilson were appointed as delegates to the Council Meeting being held in Winnipeg in May.

The Very Reverend N. D. Kennedy installed the newly elected officers and told them and the others present that nothing can defeat them if trust is put in the Lord. Mrs. J. Shaw was re-elected President.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — Homehelpers and members of the Senior Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Saskatoon,** united to put on a varied and interesting program at the February meeting. The study period was convened by Mrs. A. Johnston and was in two parts. First a dramatized version of a day in the life of a hospital visitor — given by Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Johnston. Mrs. Kerr was able to add many personal experiences from her many years as a hospital visitor. The second part consisted of a debate in which the Homehelpers took part. The question "Resolved that it is worthwhile to educate the young people in Indian Residential Schools", was decided in favour of the affirmative.

MANITOBA

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The fortieth annual meeting of the Manitoba Synodical Society, Women's

Missionary Society, Western division of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in **Brandon.** Opening meetings were held in First Presbyterian Church and concluding ones in St. Andrew's. All sessions were largely attended with delegates coming from many points in the district. Theme of the meeting was "I have chosen you — that ye should go and bring forth fruit". Mrs. D. H. Ross, President, presided at the sessions Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and afternoon.

Prior to the opening evening session, a dinner was served by the ladies of First Church, group 6. Contributing to the program were Reverend R. A. Davidson, Mrs. J. Andrews, Mrs. A. M. L. Long of Winnipeg, Reverend D. Anderson, Reverend J. B. Inglis, and Mrs. A. Leeson.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Missionary on furlough from the Canadian Mission in Formosa, gave an inspiring address on the different aspects of the work in Formosa, and stressed the need for leadership and training. She concluded her address by saying "We are expecting Formosans to do, without training or materials, what we cannot do here, with training and materials." Christian literature is so necessary and she explained how small lending libraries can be set up, proving very useful. Gifts from Canadian friends have greatly helped in this project.

Reverend R. A. Davidson presided over the evening session and conducted devotions. Miss Hildur Hermanson was the speaker for the evening and took as her topic John 8:32. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". She traced the advancement of the Formosan people during the past 24 years since head-hunting ceased and compared the harvesting of rice crops (which is as important as the wheat crop in Manitoba) to the harvesting of souls. She asked the women to pray that workers would come forth.

Mrs. G. W. Bradley presided for the election and installation of officers.

The last session of the Synodical Annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. At 10 a.m. a Communion service was conducted by the Reverend J. B. Inglis with two elders serving. Mrs. D. H. Ross, newly installed president, expressed her appreciation of the confidence placed in her by the members in returning her to office of President.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—"The World for Christ" was the theme of the 40th Annual meeting of Superior Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, held yesterday in First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur.**

The meeting saw Mrs. H. L. Loney elected as president for the coming year. She succeeds Mrs. Geo. P. Stirrett, of **Port Arthur.**

About 40 delegates attended and were welcomed by the president. They were from First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur.**

In a short address, Mrs. Stirrett reminded the meeting that the missionary work of the church was very vital and important. "We may not be able to go out in mission fields but we can help with our prayers and our givings", she said.

The Presbyterial had had a very successful year, both in membership and givings, she continued, and all this could not have been accomplished without the help of all.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. S. Nairn, reported that the allocation of $2,890, was oversubscribed and that all groups shared in the effort. The treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Fraser, gave her report and thanked all the organizations.

The guest speaker was Mrs. C. LeCocq, and she told of a conference she had attended in Toronto last weekend, which was in Knox Presbyterian

Church with missionaries from Formosa, India and British Guiana present.

The evening session was addressed by Reverend Stephen Lookman, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fort Frances and he took as his topic, "Bringing Christ to the World." "If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ you must be a witness for him you must go out and tell others" he said.

A meeting of **Superior** Presbyterial was held Monday afternoon in First Presbyterial Church, **West Fort William.** Mrs. H. J. Loney the newly elected President conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Loney gave a very full report of the proceedings of **Manitoba** Synodical meetings she attended as President of Superior Presbyterial.

Nine explorers received stars for work at meeting held in First Presbyterian Church, **West Fort William.**

They were presented by Miss Mary Hogarth, Children's Secretary of Superior Presbyterial.

Reverend G. E. Bastedo spoke to the children. Mrs. E. Sellers is their leader.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Four ladies presented a Missionary Playlette which was much enjoyed at the February Senior Auxiliary Meeting in **Walkerton.**

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary **Windsor,** held a debate on the value of Indian Schools administered by the W.M.S., the affirmative winning. A beautiful tribute was paid the late Mrs. Alice Templeton, who was a zealous W.M.S. member of long years service.

The Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church join with the Senior W.M.S. in the Easter Thank-Offering and they are working with the Women's Guild now convening a Congregational Dinner.

In **Leamington** the Knox Auxiliary ladies sent a "CARE" parcel to Korea. The Senior W.M.S. was saddened in the passing of Mrs. McLeod, who was a past member of the executive on many occasions and who faithfully served over 25 years in the local W.M.S.

Mrs. Frank Goodbrand, Girls Organization Secretary of Chatham Presbyterial, arranged and directed a most successful rally for teenage girls in **Mount Zion** Presbyterian Church **Ridgetown.** Guests were present from **Duart and Turin** groups. Forty-five girls with their leaders sat down to a complimentary supper provided by the W.M.S. of Mount Zion Church. Mrs. Donald MacInnes was the guest speaker and gave a very thought-provoking talk to the teenagers on the roads of life, stressing the road of loyalty, the road of kindness and the road of service.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — Two hundred and thirty registered for the Training Institute, held four evenings in St. Paul's Church and in Erskine for the closing session Friday evening. Twenty seven churches were represented and Miss Hildur Hermanson, Miss Margaret Kennedy and Reverend James Dickson, as special speakers from the mission fields, brought the privileges and responsibilities of missionary endeavour very vividly to all their listeners.

The resignation of Mrs. A. D. Poole as Presbyterial Recording Secretary, due to her moving to London, was received with sincere regret. At a recent Executive meeting Mrs. D. M. Allan paid tribute to Mrs. Poole's years of faithful service in various offices on the Executive and a gift of appreciation was presented Mrs. Poole.

Mrs. H. J. Scott, **Beamsville,** who organized Calvin Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** was an honoured guest on the occasion of a twenty-sixth birthday meeting. Mrs. (Major) Strickland told of the work of the Salvation Army in many lands. The Girls' Group conducted the meeting of the Senior Auxiliary in New Westminster, Hamilton.

Letters from Miss Isabel Taylor, Formosa and Mrs. Angus MacKay, India, were read at Chalmers' Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** and Ross Evening Auxiliary, **Waterdown.**

Forty guests enjoyed the dinner prepared by the Senior Auxiliary when the Boys' Explorer Group of **West Flamboro** held a Father and Son banquet. Badges for attendance and memory work were presented twenty-two boys. Movies were shown and Mr. Robert Good spoke on "Sportsmanship."

Reverend Douglas Gordon spoke at a joint meeting of Senior and Elsie Henderson Evening Auxiliaries, **Kirkwall,** on present day China.

Reverend George Malcolm, in speaking to the Margaret Allan Evening Auxiliary, St. Enoch's, **Hamilton,** said the next ten years are vitally important because Chinese Nationals, particularly those associated with Chiang Kai Shek's Army and Government, will be eventually returning to China. Whether these return as Christians with a religion and a way of life to combat the Communist idealogy, or as people without a Spiritual anchor, depends entirely on what the Christian missionaries are able to accomplish in the next few years.

The Mary McKenzie Grant Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Hamilton, had the study presented as a debate on the question, "Are Indian Schools Worth While?"

Kannawin Senior Auxiliary, St. John, Hamilton, heard Captain Elizabeth MacDonald of the Salvation Army tell of her work as a missionary in India.

Chalmers' C.G.I.T. honoured Emily Parsons, who is graduating, at a special meeting, making a gift presentation to her. The C.G.I.T. girls are making World maps showing our mission fields and at the end of the study each girl will have a missionary file and information on all our Presbyterian missions at her finger tips.

St. John C.G.I.T. is busy making baby jackets at home to be forwarded to a mission depot. They have attended church as a group, taking up the offering.

Guest speakers at **Southgate** Senior Auxiliary and Knox Senior, **Burlington,** were Mrs. D. H. MacKay of the Friends of Israel Mission, and Mrs. E. G. Barton of the Italian Presbyterian Mission.

When the Ruby Walker Y.W.A. of St. Enoch's Hamilton, celebrated a first birthday anniversary, Reverend George Malcolm spoke on Formosa and showed lantern slides.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — A Seventieth Birthday Anniversary of W.M.S. Senior Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Goderich,** was celebrated the evening of February 12th. Every organization within the church provided a special number for the program. Reverend R. G. MacMillan, Minister of the Church, was the chairman and the members of the Senior Auxiliary presented a short play illustrating the difficulties encountered in the early formative days of the Society. Mrs. A. Taylor paid tribute to the women who have carried on the work through the many years and told of the presentation by the Society of a Communion Table in the Chapel, which was to be a lasting memorial honouring their willing service. It was nice, too, to receive a letter from Miss Ida White, our own missionary in India, congratulating the Society on its 70th Anniversary. The choir supplied fine musical selections; the Boy Scouts gave a demonstration in Tent raising and First Aid; the C.G.I.T. presented a story in pantomine; the Men's Club in charge of a sing song of old much loved hymns; the Board of Managers conducted a spelling match. The Ladies Aid, P.Y.P.S., Mission Band, St. Andrew's Clan and the Arthur Circle all contributed to the program too.

Mrs. J. S. Howie, the only member from the early W.M.S. still active in the Society was the recipient of an Honorary Life Membership on this happy anniversary occasion.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church Mission Band in **London** entertained their parents at a Valentine Tea, and presented each mother with a gift. The minister of the church, Reverend A. G. Locke showed lantern slides.

The Senior (Afternoon) Auxiliary, and the Goforth (Evening) Auxiliary of New St. James Church conducted a very impressive Sunday evening service in the Church with Miss Bessie MacMurchy as the guest speaker. Miss MacMurchy spoke on "From Faith to Faith", based on Romans 1, 12.

The C.G.I.T. group of New St. James became affiliated with the W.M.S. in a candlelight church service, taking as their name "The Margaret Strong C.G.I.T. Group." Miss Bessie MacMurchy described her work amongst the girls in India and Mrs. J. K. West, London Presbyterial W.M.S. President, also Mrs. J. M. Stirling, the Presbyterial Girls Work Secretary assisted in the service. At the luncheon which followed in the Sunday School room, Miss Edna Kee, Senior Leader, introduced the Assistant leader, Mrs. Marjorie Lewis, to the mothers of the girls.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—The P.Y.P.S. of St. Andrew's Church, **St. Catharines,** invited P.Y.P.S. friends from nearby towns to attend a Missionary Sunday evening church service, under P.Y.P.S. leadership. Miss Margaret Kennedy of the Bhil Field, India, was the guest speaker and the church was filled with many P.Y.P.S. members and church friends. Miss Kennedy also showed slides and spoke in the Sunday School room immediately after the service, which was followed by a social cup of tea. In thanking Miss Kennedy on behalf of the P.Y.P.S. one of the young men said something like this, "We as P.Y.P.S. members never heard one of our missionaries before and we hardly knew what to expect when we were planning the evening but now we can only all say we hope it is our privilege to hear many of our missionaries in similar P.Y.P.S. services in future." It was the privilege of your Synodical Press Secretary to attend this service and from the questions the Young People were asking Miss Kennedy after the service, it was manifest there was a real interest.

As a Presbyterian we pause to honour the memory of one who many years ago organized and was President of one of our first District meetings here, the late Mrs. Agnes Lent Hall. Mrs. Hall passed away March 6th, in Paris where she made many happy friendships during her late years in Penmarvian. Her husband, the Reverend John T. Hall, a minister in Chippawa Presbyterian for fourteen years prior to his retirement in 1939, predeceased her.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—A special meeting to honour Mrs. Nelson Brown, one of the oldest Home Helpers of Knox Presbyterian W.M.S. **Brantford,** was held at the home of her daughter Mrs. A. Morgan. A report of the January Presbyterial meeting in **Woodstock** was given and the meeting was combined with a surprise Birthday party.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Stratford Presbyterial Executive heard Miss Ann MacEachern of Toronto speak on "The World for Christ," when they met for their spring Executive in Knox Presbyterian Church, **Stratford.**

In **Listowel** the Senior Central W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church dedicated an In Memoriam Certificate to the memory of Miss Jennie Gray. Miss Gray reached her 93rd birthday before her passing in July, 1953. The ladies of the Senior W.M.S. of Knox dedicated a Memorial Certificate at their January meeting in loving memory of the late Mrs. W. E. Kelly, a past Minister's wife, and a very devoted member of Knox W.M.S.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The Leadership Training Institute for Guelph Presbytery, held the first week in February in St. Andrew's Church, **Guelph,** under the chairmanship of Reverend P. G. MacInnes of **Elora,** was a decided success. The attendance was above expectation and increased each night until nearly three hundred took part in the service of dedication at the close. Groups were under the leadership of Miss Ruby Walker, Miss Ada Adams, Miss Anne McEachern and Reverend J. S. Clarke. Miss Hildur Hermanson spoke the first two nights on her work in Formosa. On Wednesday the evening meeting adjourned at nine o'clock to attend the film "Martin Luther", which was showing in Guelph that week. On Thursday and Friday evenings Miss Margaret Kennedy spoke on the Mission of the Church and of her work in India.

A highlight of 1953, in Knox **Paisley Block** Auxiliary was the presentation of an Honourary Membership to Mrs. F. E. Barkes. Also during 1953, Mrs. M. Turner of Montreal gave a Life Membership to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gilbert Buchanan.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL — The Semper Fidelis Evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Agincourt,** celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary at the February meeting. The members and guests were welcomed by the President, Miss Janet Muirhead. Messages of congratulations from former members and friends were read.

Miss Mary Forfar, who had been the first President, then took charge of the meeting. The minutes of the inaugural meeting were read and the roll called. Miss Nettie Kennedy, who has been honourary president for the twenty-five years gave a brief address; after which she was presented with a silver pin. Seven of the original members, who are still active members, were also presented with silver pins. These were: Miss Mary Forfar, Miss Mary Muirhead, Mrs. C. Jamieson, Miss Vradenburg, Miss Flora Hill and Misses Jessie and Agnes Davidson.

Mrs. J. Ross, Presided at the thirty-eighth Birthday meeting of the Mackenzie Auxiliary, Riverdale Church. Dr. A. G. MacPherson welcomed a large number of visitors from the neighbouring auxiliaries and Mrs. J. Newstead brought greetings from Toronto East Presbyterial. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. S. Curr of Toronto West Presbyterial and she gave a most inspiring talk choosing as her subject: "And this is love, that we walk after His Commandments."

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — The question "Who is My Neighbour?" was the subject for consideration at the February meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church.

The subject was dealt with intelligently and inspirationally during the presentation of two short dialogues;

the first dealt with the subject of inter-racial contacts among youth groups and racial prejudices among adults, with Mrs. T. Bradley presenting a mother's reaction to the acceptance of a Chinese student by her daughter Sue (Mrs. McDowell) as an equal among her other friends.

The second was an interview between a church minister and one of Europe's displaced persons, a peasant girl, Marta, who had found a lost happiness and freedom in the home of church members, "The Taylors," and who, on the strength of her mistress' daily Christian life, wished to become a member of the church, if the minister considered her application favourably. The role of Marta was played by Mrs. R. Anderson. Mrs. M. E. Gowland took the part of the minister. Mrs. C. Webster as narrator, introduced the participants and their backgrounds for both dialogues and inserted necessary explanations toward the conclusion of each presentation.

Each of the members present later voiced an appreciation for the enlightening and entertaining presentation of this subject, both phases of which were considered in discussions led by Mrs. G. Dawson and Mrs. Lott.

Mrs. Bradley expressed regret and sorrow for the recent passing of Mrs. Peddie, a valued member.

Nashville, Ontario — W.M.S. Auxiliary of Nashville had as their guests, their husbands and children and other members of the congregation. Mrs. E. Miller presided and Dr. McLelland showed coloured pictures of his work there in Val Dor several years ago.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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Press Secretary.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—A "Family Night" was held in St. Edward's Church hall **Beauharnois,** Que, under the auspices of the joint Women's Missionary Organizations. This was the regular monthly meeting date of the Evening Auxiliary and the Senior Auxiliary and the Mission Band joined with us that evening to hear Miss Margaret Kennedy, home on furlough from Jobat, India, tell of her work in the Bhil field. Other guests were Miss Dorothy Cole, President of the Montreal Presbyterial.

About sixty members and guests enjoyed a delicious "pot luck" supper at 6.15. The president of the Evening Auxiliary Mrs. H. Graham, presided. She welcomed the guests and introduced Miss Kennedy who spoke to the Mission Band before the open meeting. Before Miss Kennedy's talk, the members of the Mission Band led a brief Service of Worship, taking complete charge of this part of the meeting, with Brian Smith acting as chairman. Leaders of the Mission Band are Mrs. R. B. Calhoun and Mrs. W. Monovan.

Miss Kennedy spoke again to the open meeting in the Church.

CHANGES IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. R. T. Hall has moved from this Presbyterial and is no longer the corresponding secretary.

Mrs. F. M. Glazier, President, will handle correspondence until a new Corresponding Secretary is appointed.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

March 31st, 1954

Receipts:

St. Andrew's Sunday School, Hespeler "Training of Biblewomen"	$ 50.00
Mrs. R. C. Clark, Acton, Milk for Nursery School, Jobat"	10.00
A Friend	10.00
"In His Name" for the Spread of Good News	
"Christian Literature"	10.00
Formosa"	20.00
Wo-Shi-lo Group, Grace Church Calgary "Mrs. Gehman's Work"	10.00
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Editorial

THIS month of June is always known in Presbyterian circles as the time of the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly. It is a special time each year in the life of our Church and this year we are more aware of the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for many of its members have been invited to attend a Pre-Assembly Congress. The Congress will be held immediately before the Assembly which meets in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

A Congress is planned in order to acquaint as wide a group as possible with the work being done by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is a time when information is pointed up in an atmosphere of fellowship. The men and women who represent their Presbyteries will have come for the express purpose of learning. They will go back home to tell others what they learned. They will attempt not only to pass along facts but will try to interpret the inspirational side of the meeting.

The purpose of such a Congress is clear. It is a part of the pattern of communication about which we have been thinking on this page for the past few months. The message of the Congress will call our people to greater consecration in their Church life — to greater study, prayer and participation in Church work at the local level. It will also challenge us in a fourth means of communication — our offering.

The giving of our material gifts in support of the work of the Christian Church is one of the most legitimate forms of communication. From the time the world was created, God has called His people to return to Him a portion of their material gifts as symbol of their faith in Him. Through Old and New Testaments there are many references to this offering. As civilization progressed and Christ interpreted God as a God of love, the offering became less of a symbolism of our fear of our Creator — and more an acknowledgment of our realization of God's love for us and our desire to interpret that love in service to our fellow-men. Thus in New Testament days we see Christians outside of Jerusalem sharing in the physical difficulties of their brethren in that city by sending material gifts to alleviate their suffering. "We give Thee but Thine own". How often do we sing that line as our offering is dedicated and interpret it in its true meaning? God who gave us gifts to earn our daily bread; who set us in places where we can earn it, expects us to make use of our favoured positions to lead others to His Kingdom. All forms of communication of the Christian Gospel lead to this act of devotion.

We have said that the offering is not as symbolic today as it was in Old Testament days — yet that is scarcely true. One of the measures of our desire to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the return we make to God of our material possessions. This brings us to a question which no doubt will be asked at the Congress. Can Presbyterian people say, as a whole, that by this measure their devotion to their God is worthy of His love for us?

These are facts which Dr. A. N. Miller, Secretary of The Budget and Stewardship Committee released to us about our Church's givings. The average giving per Presbyterian member, based on membership at the beginning of 1953, was $4.33. During the year there was an increase in givings — which roughly broken down on a membership basis again means that the increase for the year amounted to a cent and a quarter per member, per week — or in round figures — one member in four increased his giving four cents a week. Let us look at average givings of our own membership: $7.62 for all adult members in 1952.

Let no man or woman judge another, but let every Presbyterian member ask themselves, Is this the measure of my faith?

In a day when millions of dollars — yes billions, are being applied to the development of power by which man can be completely annihilated, what are we giving that the greatest force in the universe might be unleased in all the world? Man fears today that he cannot control the forces of science — and he cannot — but God can — and He will if we give ourselves to His service — if we communicate the Gospel in every way we can —

God who created us, and redeemed us by His love, is calling you and me today, to preach His Gospel in all parts of His earth. The nature of our universe is such that the call may not come again. Our task is now — to give — in all phases of communication and to the utmost of our ability.

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demand my soul, my life, my all.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

by SYBIL D. WHITE

Miss White, active in the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Vancouver, B.C. was invited to express her opinion of the outreach of the Church today. At this time when the Pre-Assembly Congress is emphasizing our responsibility to the work of the Church, Miss White sharpens our realization of our duties as Christians and Church members.

THE unfulfilled tasks which challenge the Presbyterian Church in Canada today are not only the responsibilities of the Ministers of the Church but of all the members of the Church. Our Christian Mission is to bring within the reach of every human being the realization of the transforming power of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and to seek to proclaim the Truth which makes men free. This is our task as our Father's witnesses.

Our knowledge of the tasks before us, and our faith in Him who commissioned us to be strengthened through our fellowship, should give us the will to go forward to the fulfillment of these tasks.

Our Task Begins at Home

Our task begins, as His witnesses, in our homes, in our Churches, in our communities, in secular organizations to which we belong. Comparatively few of us are making a perceptible witness – we are not showing that we are striving to obey Jesus' commandments, "That ye love one another as I have loved you," and "Love thy neighbour as thyself," in our contacts with others.

Members of the younger churches coming to Canada are asking, "Are members of the Church in Canada not trying to reach out to the people around them who are not Christians?" Missions should begin at home. As witnessing Christians we should be alive to the problems and needs with which the Church is faced at home and overseas; we should have knowledge of the Church's projects and we should know what opportunities exist for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We must remember we are part of the world Church, and to maintain that position must give expression to evangelism at home and overseas — this expression must be given by action as well as words.

Today we are called upon to give up old prejudices, to open our eyes to new visions, to enlarge our human sympathies, to pray for a better understanding of the needs of others, and to be His witnesses with renewed faith and renewed courage.

Our Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge comes from our teen-age youth and young people, who need the ministry of the Church now more than at any other period of their lives, for at this time they are prepared for church membership and learn what opportunities there are for special service in the church as Ministers, deaconesses, missionaries, secretaries and leaders. Therefore it is most imperative that a week-day programme of Christian education for our teen-age youth and society for older young people be promoted. The Board of Christian Education is doing its utmost to meet this challenge, but each and every church member has a responsibility in urging that a committee for Christian education be appointed in every congregation. The organization of "The National Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" will make the young people a stronger force within the Church. Again we are challenged in the guidance they will receive.

In new housing areas in many of the larger cities, our Church is conspicuous by its absence. Surely there should be some tangible evidence given of our interest in, and our concern for, the young people who are raising their families in such areas. Let us not wait to erect churches, but set up temporary Sunday Schools in whatever space is obtainable. We often lose ground by hesitation and too much deliberation.

A short time ago, we participated in a discussion regarding the absence of "older" younger people in our congregations. One member asked why the sons and daughters of some of the older church members had no apparent interest in the Church. We were amazed to hear a mother, an active member of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S., whose husband is a member of Session and Board of Managers, reply, "When we were young we went to church because we had to go, and because there was no place else to go. The only week-day organization for young people was the Y.P.S., now there are so many other organizations with all the Service Clubs, Community Chest, Red Cross, I.O.D.E. and Junior League, and they are so busy with them they just haven't time for Church. I think they are doing such wonderful work." This mother isn't alone in her thinking, nor her family in the choice of service outside the Church — we have only to make a survey of some of our congregations on a Sunday morning to fully realize it. When we think too, that these sons and daughters are themselves parents, we further realize the seriousness of the challenge thus presented to us. How are we going to challenge this group to give similar service through and in the Church? Let us remember that we cannot present our challenge to them in projects encumbered with numerous restrictions and regulations.

Concern for Older Members

Our concern is not only for our young people but for those senior members of our Church, who for many years gave much of their time and substance to the support of the Church they love, and are now in the larger cities living alone on small pensions in housekeeping rooms and still striving to give of their substance to their Church. Surely our Church should show some concern for these members, many of whom are very lonely and without near relatives. It is our considered opinion that our Church should undertake a project of establishing homes for these senior members; we find a few of our senior members living in homes established by other denominations. Surely it is time we took some positive action on this proposed project.

So far, we have discussed our tasks and challenge within the Church. As practicing Christians we have tasks and a challenge outside the Church. We must steadily and earnestly seek to live our faith in relation to the challenging situations we meet in our daily work, in our occupations and professions. We must be consistent to our Christian principles, and make our Christian witness felt in the secular organizations of our communities and in the national groups to which we belong. We should have a sense of responsibility for the social, economic and political organization of our country. We cannot be content with merely good intentions; our good intentions must be joined to social understanding — to an understanding of the problems of others — not only to the problems of men, but to the problems of nations.

We must be His Witnesses!

Prayer

O GOD, who hast made us for Thyself and whom our souls seek after, grant us Thy presence throughout this beautiful month of June. We thank Thee for the gift of life and for the powers of body and mind Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We give thanks at the remembrance of Thy mercy towards us. For all that we have learned of Thy holiness and love, and have experienced of Thy power and willingness to help us, for all that Thou hast made Thy Son Jesus Christ to be to us, and for the comfort and guidance of Thy good Spirit, we praise and magnify Thy name.

We ask Thy blessing on Thy Church. We think particularly of the branch to which we belong. May the Pre-Assembly Congress and The Assembly be blessed by Thy Spirit.

Grant, O Lord, that amid the various activities of this day we may so abide in fellowship with Thee that we shall conduct our ordinary business as Thy servants. Give us a vigilant and prayerful spirit. Save us from coldness of heart, from blindness of the good that is in others, from condemning when we ought to pity, and from passing by when we ought to pause and help.

We pray Thee, O Father, to extend Thy Kingdom of righteousness and peace over the world. Be with our missionaries who are the great ambassadors of peace in lands beyond the sea. Give them courage and endurance in this time of strain and stress and may their reward be more souls won for Thee.

O Father, we beseech Thee to hallow family life in our land by purity, gentleness and piety. Let reverence for things sacred and the love of duty increase among us. Strengthen the young to resist the temptations of youth.

We now commend to Thy care all whom we love, praying that they may ever be under Thy protection and that they may obtain eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we unite in ascribing honour, glory, and praise, world without end.

Amen.

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by

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MISS BONE

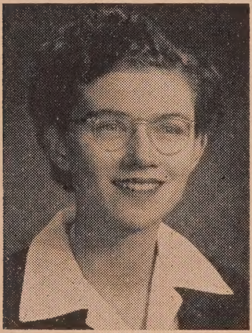
Georgina Mary Bone, B.Ed., was born at Rosetown, Sask, where she received her Public and High School education. She secured her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan and afterwards was employed as a High School teacher at Fillmore, Sask. She gave up this work to enter the Training School. Miss Bone will serve under the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., as a Regional Secretary.

Catherine V. Foote, B.A., was born at Woodfield, N.S., where she secured all her education except for Senior Matriculation which was taken at New Glasgow High School. She entered Dalhousie University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. Her record at university includes the winning of I.O.D.E. Scholarships and Matheson Bursaries. Following her graduation from the University she served as supervisor at the Nova Scotia

MISS FOOTE

Training School, Truro, for mentally retarded children. She relinquished this position to enter the Missionary and Deaconess Training School from which she received the school diploma with honours. This summer she will serve the Church under the Board of Missions in the Synod of Saskatchewan. Miss Foote hopes eventually to serve the Church in Mission work overseas.

Iris Ford born in Windsor, N.S., but received all her Public and High School education in Hamilton, Bermuda, where her father is minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Miss Ford had one year business experience in Bermuda before coming to Toronto to study music. It was while she was in residence as a student in music that she answered the call to serve her Church and entered the Deaconess Course. During the past year Miss Ford was Student President. She will begin her duties as a Congregational Deaconess in MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, at the first of May.



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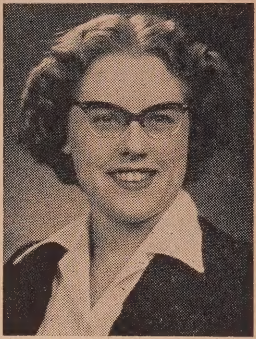


MISS HARRIS

Barbara J. Harris was born in Sudbury, Ontario, but received her Public and High School education in Peterborough and Fort Erie. During the three years of her course Miss Harris won the Proficiency Scholarships. Miss Harris has been appointed by the Board of Missions to work in East Toronto Presbytery.

Joan L. Large of Charlottetown, P.E.I., where she received her education. Miss Large had some business experience in the Civil Service before commencing her course at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School where she distinguished herself as a most capable student. Miss Large won the

MISS LARGE

Alumnae Scholarship for the highest standing in Bible Courses during the last two years of her course. She will serve under the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) in the Synod of the Maritimes.

Dorothyann Walters, B.A., was born in Detroit, Michigan, but at an early age came to live in Kitchener where she received most of her Public School and all of her High School education. She graduated from Waterloo College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in April 1953. While at College Miss Walters was interested in Y.W.C.A. work. She has been appointed as Director of Christian Education at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener.

Beryl M. Millar was born at Ellerslie, P.E.I., where she obtained her Public School education. She afterwards went to Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, and was later employed in the Civil Service in Ottawa. Miss Millar has been appointed to work in Brandon Presbytery on the Indian Reserves.

MISS WALTERS

MISS MILLAR

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A story of the end of study — the beginning of a career.

OUR members, no doubt, will remember that our Society brought Miss Margaret Lin from Formosa the autumn of 1951 for study at the Royal Canadian Conservatory. Margaret has completed her three years, has graduated with her A.R.C.C. with first class honours.

On Thursday evening, April 29th, Margaret Lin gave a recital at the Conservatory. Her programme was varied and classical. Included in her recital were Bach's Prelude, Beethoven's Sonta and two numbers by Chopin. Three other pieces, two by Debussy and one by Delibes were included. Her closing number was a concerto by Mendelson in which her teacher, Professor Hallett accompanied her.

We are not competent to write critically of Margaret's performance because we have not that kind of musical knowledge. Suffice it to say that those who do know music exclaimed that they consider, outside of world-known artists, that they had not heard a performance to surpass, and seldom to equal Margaret's playing that evening. She is not only a master of technique but her interpretations, which were so pronounced in Beethoven and Mendelssohn, show real understanding and depth of feeling. Her platform performance was dignified and yet had a warmth which related her definitely to her audience.

We are glad that Margaret had the privilege of coming to Canada and that we had some share in giving her the opportunity of bringing to such a high standard the precious gift which has been given to her. We know she will make a valuable contribution to the life of Formosa upon her return and that she will use her music as a witness of her faith within the Church. Our love and best wishes go with Margaret Lin as she completes her study.

Two years ago Miss Margaret MacKenzie went to Formosa. Since then she has entered into the life and work of the Formosan people with characteristic zeal and enthusiasm. In this story Miss MacKenzie tells her reaction to the challenges existing in the beautiful

Island Garden

DO you remember the day you, full of fear and trembling, tried your test for a driver's license? Those lanes and turns never seemed more precarious. The car seemed twice its length and breadth. As you nervously wound in and out of traffic — contended with the ever-changing traffic signals — you were haggard and worn, too weary to hear the long sought after results: "Madam, your license."

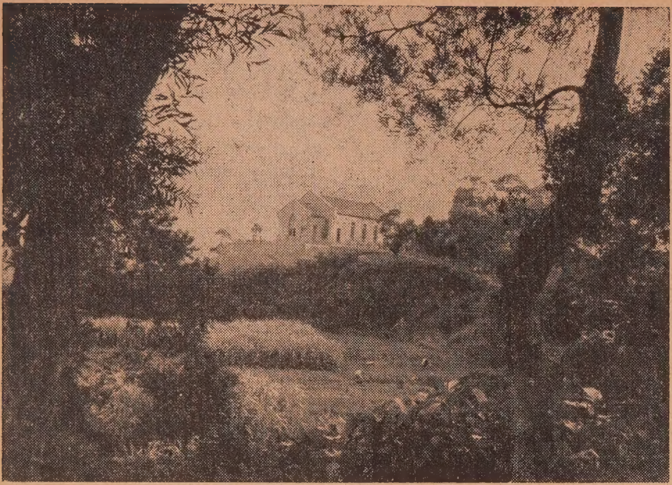
The objects you wound in and out of were mostly mechanical in their nature, except of course, for the trees and telephone poles you miraculously managed to veer away from, and cautious pedestrians watching on all sides.

Well, just transport yourself from that first experience to the beautiful Island of Taiwan. Here you would find the foregoing day's experience the same in principle but added to the ordinary traffic objects and hazards you would find yourself weaving literally in and out among masses of humanity — a goodly proportion of them being those "sweet little cherubs" of whom you and I are so fond. But you say, "Why are they on the road?" Taiwan is an Island like one great, beautiful garden filled with beautiful greenery, flowering shrubs — enveloped by towering majestic mountains and rolling fertile rice lands. This Island garden is not very large — 241 miles long and 75 miles wide at its widest point. More than 1/3 of the Island is uninhabitable and the remaining portion is inhabited by over eight million peoples, over one and a half million having come as refugees from the China mainland and Communist oppression. In short, the children have no place else to play — no place but the street with its open drains and dirt. Every square inch of fertile land is in rice and other productive crops. The homes of the people are small and dark. I have come to the conclusion that windows must be an aversion. The houses are constructed of brick, straw and mud or bamboo depending on the family finances and station in society. Many of the older homes follow closely the old Chinese style — where it is more on the order of a compound and as the children marry and bring wives or husbands home another room is added and eventually it forms a "U" shape with rooms on three sides and humans in every square inch.

At first it takes we foreigners a while to accustom our eyes to the ever-increasing numbers of children — for this is a prolific land! One never ceases to be amazed at the "magic" angle too — a foreigner just needs to stand still or walk on the street and you have gained a following in less than two minutes. "Popular," you say!! Oh, no, just curiosity. After all, we are rather queer!!

Just such a simple thing as buying a jar of paste. You will be helped by an average of twenty-five children and of course, a few adults. Every one is eager and more than willing to help you in your selection and, in the intervening moments, size you up in every detail. The burning question is always your "age" and one can be anywhere from 17 years to 70 years within minutes. Other points of our physique of a special interest seem to be our long noses, large feet and, of course, if you are on the plump side or rather taller than the average (which doesn't give you much scope in comparing with the Chinese) then you are indeed beyond a doubt, wealthy and prosperous because you have been well fed at all times.

Although our way of Canadian life differs in many ways from the life of the people of this land, basically people are the same the world over. It is only the details of life and living which differ. Such differences as sleeping on a bed with a soft mattress that may encourage curvature of the spine and sleeping on beds constructed of the hardest wood to be found, which renders most of us stiff and deformed for a few days. No sheets and blankets,



Taiwan, a beautiful garden filled with beautiful greenery flowering shrubs, enveloped by majestic mountains.

but only a single quilt affair about two inches thick. . . . The difference between eating with chopsticks — two sticks of wood — and eating with queer looking cutlery such as knives, forks and spoons. . . . The difference between eating from a bowl or from a plate. . . . The difference between rice and potatoes. . . . The difference in the way you cook your meat and vegetables. These few, comparatively small details are different but are fundamentally done for the same reason.

So it is that the children and youth in Taiwan are in so many ways the same as our children at home. But there are *so many* of them and they have comparatively little of material things and few opportunities to advance. What are we doing for the masses of small children sitting before us and on our doorstep? Each one is a potential citizen. Each one is a being, created in God's own image. Each one with a future, a *life to* live. What kind of a future is the question which challenges us every day as we live and work among these people. What part can we as a Christian Church play in the nurture and development of these young minds — that the Taiwan of tomorrow may be strengthened by educated Christian citizens? That a nation which has been ravaged by the turmoil of war and strife may be a place of peace and prosperity.

Certainly we do not lack stimuli

to take up the challenge and commence the task for we are surrounded by eager minds.

The Church has found it has many avenues of service among these people, young and old. Among the children, Church nurseries and kindergartens. Here programmes similar to that carried out in our schools in Canada are developing. There are certain adjustments which must be made because of our different ways of life and behaviour patterns. So we are striving through the Christian Church to give these children an opportunity to learn together in an atmosphere commensurate with their standard of living — an education which will start them on their way to manhood and womanhood as individuals each with his particular needs and talents.

From the Church Kindergarten they go on to the Elementary Schools operated by the Government. These schools are in reality "bulging at the seams" and the classes commence at 8.00 a.m. and run through until after 6.00 p.m. in the evening. The children come to school in shifts. So if you are a teacher in a public school in Canada and go to school at 9 o'clock and go home at four o'clock, consider yourself well treated — for these teachers must work very long hours and the classes are all over 60 pupils in each. The education standards seem to be on the uphill road and although a certain portion of time is spent on patriotic observances and teaching there seems to be from all appearances, a fair balance of academic subjects taught. Just now in this transition stage — where once again the Formosan speaking people are confronted with receiving all their education in Mandarin Chinese —the grind is bound to be slow at first. In the High Schools much the same situation exists — the pupils in their senior years starting to receive their education in a third language — their native tongue, Formosan — then Japanese learned under the Japanese and now Mandarin Chinese. Christian High Schools such as that of our Church here are a real challenge to those who have opportunity to work in them. For here day by day contact with non-Christian students through worship and work can bear much fruit for His Kingdom. Higher education in Taiwan is still a very difficult problem and one which will require a great deal of planning in the future. Thousands of students each year try the entrance examination for the University and only something over 800 students can be admitted. We are encouraged to hear of the progress in the construction and organization of the new Christian College which will open its doors for enrolment in September, 1954. Here we will have another avenue of Christian witness among the youth of this land.

Throughout the Churches we can see the youth from the Christian Schools taking their places of leadership among their people. It is heartening to see a striving in the Sunday Schools and Youth Groups towards more effective teaching and witness. Of course, the Church of Formosa is known as the "singing Church" and it is truly that. The foundations laid in the music of the Church is indeed a credit to those who have laboured so faithfully in this cause and certainly a Glory to God and His people in all places.

The Christian task here in Formosa is overwhelming in magnitude. The task requires a long-range programme of secular and religious education backed by vision and prayer. We are only at the bottom rung of the ladder but we pray that we may not grow weary but be willing and enabled to climb slowly but surely to the top.

Our problem in Taiwan is not one of lack of interest. From the eager little kindergarten atoms filled with curiosity, vim and vigour which can match any Canadian child, to the teen-ager finding his or her place in an overcrowded society, to the young people groping for food for the soul and mind — there is opportunity to reach these people with sound guidance for their mental, material, physical and spiritual needs.

Our goal is to reach them all with the power and love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that in their whole man they may be built up "vessels fit for the Master's use" — fit to serve an all-powerful, ever present-all-knowing God. Thus prepared to live and work each day in His service, that many may be called from darkness of heathendom into His marvellous Light.

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Toward A Better Understanding Of The Canadian Indian

by

REVEREND J. ELDON ANDREWS, B.A., B.D., M.Th.

This is the concluding article in a series in which Mr. Andrews has directed our thought to a keener appreciation of Canadian Indians. Herein Mr. Andrews deals with the Indian and education and with our relationship with the Indian people.

Perhaps many Indians are not very careful about bodily cleanliness, but this is a long story. Everyone has heard of how the Indians used to rub their bodies down with snow in winter, and daily bathed in streams during the rest of the year. Many factors enter into the changes in this respect which are evident in by no means all but in some present-day Indians. All of them had to do with the coming of white civilization. The settled, much more public life of the reserve is one factor. (The Indian is very shy). The change of home from tepee to cabin with a consequent loss of hardihood, is another. Susceptibility to tuberculosis and other diseases unknown before the arrival of the white man, is another factor. The change from simple to complicated and multiple garments, is another. There are other reasons, but these are enough to go on, and if you add to them the fact that there is evident in all this a sort of silent protest against the fastidiousness of the white man, you will see what I mean.

Far from being stupid, the Indian is an exceedingly quick learner. As a matter of fact he tends to grasp things so quickly and thoroughly the first time he sees or hears them that repetition and practice annoy him. This, of course, is a distinct disadvantage to him in a white society.

Helping Through Education

Now what about trying to help the Indian, especially by educating him? It is at this point in our dealings with the Indian that we need to re-learn the Christian lesson of humility. In the first place we do well to remember that the Indian did not invite us to this country, though he welcomed us when we came. So far as we know the Indian was doing very well by himself before we came. He is, as a matter of fact, and this is not easy for us to take, probably much more interested in being left alone than he is in being helped. Since we cannot leave him alone — and we cannot, mind you; quite literally it is impossible for us to leave him alone — the Indian is usually willing enough to be helped to the things he wants, and to some things which he does not want but which he takes because we seem so anxious to give them to him. So far as education is concerned the Indian's conception of it is vastly different from the organized school system to which we hold. True, too, the vast majority of Indians, after their schooling, return to the reserves. But whose idea were reservations in the first place? Where, the Indian might ask, did they think we would go? All too often white prejudice has made it all too clear to the Indian where he was

High School Students who have been at Birtle wanted and where he was not wanted. The Indian tends to exaggerate the difficulties, I think, sometimes to imagine them where they do not exist, but there are very real difficulties, nevertheless, facing the Indian who tries to cross over the line into white society. The greatest difficulty, if it can be called a difficulty at all, lies in the fact that the Indian is not aware of any urgent need to do so. Nor does he have much desire to do so.

Actually, especially in Canada, there are relatively few Indians of professional status. This, however, is more of a comment upon our educational methods and policy in past years than it is upon the ability or initiative of the Indian.

The Indian Resists Assimilation

In all our thinking about the Indian, we need to bear in mind the fact that one of the most striking features of Indian-white relationships has been the exceptional racial and cultural tenacity of the Indian. To a degree that is remarkable, he has successfully resisted assimilation by the overwhelmingly aggressive white civilization with which he has been in contact for over four hundred years, and by which he has been more or less completely surrounded for at least a century and a half. While the various cultures of the Indian were largely supplanted, they were never allowed to die even though in some respects they may live on only in racial and tribal memory. The Indian selected what he wanted from the invading environment, and to the present day has obdurately continued to resist the major impact of Western civilization upon his own. The Indian yielded eventually to the onslaught of European civilization with all its varied modes of attack aimed directly sometimes against his person, his lands, his religion, and his culture. But he yielded only when he realized the immensity of the physical forces which were pitted against him. When he yielded, however, he did not enter the main stream of European life which flowed over and around him, but went, so to speak, into cultural hiding, and from this vantage point he has continued to this day to nurse, sometimes his wounds but always his way of life. All too often the white man's response to this situation, unfortunately, has been to try to pry the Indian out of this ethnic and cultural fastness behind which he has withdrawn, rather than to lead and guide him out into full participation in Canadian life.

A New Beginning

Did we assume in the early days that the Indian was gradually dying out? That the remnants of his race would fast become extinct or assimilated into the general population? That he would thus make his contribution and quietly disappear? Did we envisage our task as primarily a mission of mercy administered, as it were, to a dying man? In some ways we did, I think, and to the extent that we did so, we were vastly wrong. Through nobody's fault, of course, because for several decades there was every indication that the situation was precisely so.

Whatever our understanding of the task in days gone by, the situation of today has so changed as to make imperative a new beginning, which must have as its aim not to putter about the surface of the vast task which confronts us, but to get underneath it. This, I am convinced, we can do only by the careful choice and training of specialized leaders and researchers, particularly in the fields of anthropology and linguistics. We need to give such workers from five to ten years in which to place at the disposal of the Church a preliminary body of specialized scientific knowledge about the Indian and his culture, including his language, on the basis of which the Church may proceed with its future work. Does this mean that in the meantime we can get nowhere? Or that work must be suspended? Certainly not. It does mean, however, that unless we begin immediately to deal with the "Indian Problem" with some such more realistic approach than we have used in the past, the next two decades may very well see this door to missionary activity closed in our faces.

Western Civilization and Primitive

The result of the impact of Western civilization upon primitive cultures has always been to shake them from their foundations. The shock of the contact and spread of European culture sometimes threatened and in some few instances actually accomplished the total extinction of native populations and cultures. We should be seriously at fault if we did not recognize at least the possibility that the Christian Church through its missions may have been deeply involved sometimes in the premature disintegration of native cultures. Moreover, we have constantly to remind ourselves that the recipient of our culture tends to equate Christianity with Western civilization itself and rarely draws the distinction which we do between them. There is no greater impediment to the spread of the Christian Gospel, at home or abroad, than this unfortunate circumstance. However, the blame for the dire consequences to native cultures which have accompanied the process of Westernization is not to be laid at the doors of the Christian Church. Wherever European civilization has gone the missionary followed, and motivated by the constraint of Christ upon him, was always in the forefront of the struggle to protect the native from the ravages of cultural shock, disease, exploitation, heartless inconsideration, injustice, and where it threatened, actual physical extinction.

The development of the sociological sciences in particular has helped the Church to analyse its missionary zeal. One result has been that Christian missions in our day are entering a new and more thoughtful phase. We are taking time out, so to speak, to assess the accomplishments and failures of the past, to apply the growing mass of relevant sociological and anthropological knowledge, and in the light of it to plan our strategy for the future.

What I have written points up fairly sharply, I hope, the fact that in the past we have not often enough gone out to search for and find the Indian where he is, nor been ready enough to accept him for whom he is. We have been more concerned than we should have been, I think, to make of him a poor imitation of the white man, rather than to make of him an honest-to-goodness good Indian. Herein lies the key, I am almost certain, to the mistakes and relatively slow progress which we have made in the past. In this also, we must be guided for the future. The ultimate destiny of the Indian, undoubtedly, is total assimilation. The Indian knows this. No need to whisper it while he is not around; no need to flaunt it either. The Indian has known it for a very long time. But the process of assimilation is a slow one. Not in our lifetime nor in the liftetime of any Indian now living will it be completed. No one knows how long it will take, and estimates would need to be revised continually. The next two centuries may see the process in its final phases. As long as the process continues the Indian needs our guidance and our help. But to hurry the process of assimilation unduly is to invite disaster. We could do much worse than to let the Indian, with all the help and Christian nurture that the Church can give him, set the pace, and accomplish as much as he can of this in his own good time.

This article, if it awakens in the minds even of a few readers, the understanding that the problems involved in our mission to the Indians are not so simple as they appear on the surface; or if it arouses even one of its readers to go out to neet the challenge of a full-time vocation in Indian mission or research work, it will have served its purpose very well indeed.

Pre Assembly Congress 1954

The Presbyterian Church in Canada will set forth its witness in a Congress called to precede the 1954 Assembly.

ALL FOR CHRIST — CHRIST FOR ALL — is the theme of a Congress which will call Presbyterian men and women together in Toronto May 29th to June 2nd, 1954. The theme is intended to express the purpose of The Congress, namely to develop discipleship and stewardship; so that the Church's evangelism and missionary witness may flourish.

A number of speakers have been invited to give leadership in thinking through various aspects of The Church's Work. Reverend Dr. W. A. Cameron, Moderator of the 79th General Assembly will head the group which includes five men from outside the country: Reverend Ronald S. Wallace, Lanark, Scotland; Dr. Wm. Fitch, Glasgow, Scotland, Rev. K. S. Cho of Japan; Dr. Walter Barlow, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Mr. K. Massih, United Church of North India. Miss Margaret Kennedy, member of Women's Missionary Society staff, Bhil field, India will be one of the speakers on the challenge to The Church Overseas. Mrs. A. J. Coleman of Toronto, formerly of Geneva, will speak on the work of women in the Church.

Discussion groups have been planned for such specialized work within the Church as Christian education — the work of laymen, — Youth work.

From all across Canada men and women representing The Presbyterian Church in Canada will gather in historic St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for this special time of study and fellowship before the General Assembly. You will be supporting your delegates in thought and prayer, when they return you will support them as they convey to you the picture of our Church's work today and its plans for the future.

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Look Ahead to India

The thoughts of the Literature Committee and of those responsible for planning programme suggestions for the various groups within the Women's Missionary Society family have been concentrating for some time now on the theme for 1954-55, which is INDIA.

As summer approaches and some groups will be completing their "voyage of discovery" around the world, those responsible for programmes will be wondering about materials for the coming study year.

We will attempt here to give you a brief glimpse of what is to come. All groups within the Women's Missionary Society will be thinking about India. Primary children will make friends with Indian boys and girls through the story book FIG-TREE VILLAGE by Grace W. McGavran. Juniors will meet CHAND OF INDIA who longed to be a sports champion but found there were more important things, his story is told by Irene Mason Harper. For both story books programme suggestions have been planned by our National Children's Work Secretary, Lily M. Macarthur. The Teen-age material, both the book and programmes, have been written by our National Girls' Work Secretary, Helen E. Bricker, and it is of interest to know they will be recommended for the use of the C.G.I.T. and other Girls' Groups in Canada.

The main source book for Auxiliaries is to be FACE TO FACE WITH INDIA by Roland E. Wolseley, who introduces us to the problems of India by introducing us to the people of India. In the programme suggestions prepared by Louise A. Reith are incidents, stories and information by Margaret Kennedy and Edith M. Magee, which link the work on our own fields in India to the work of the whole Christian Church in India.

Good reading books which will give authentic background information are UNDER THREE FLAGS by Stephen Neill, who served for twenty years as a missionary in South India and is now on the staff of the International Missionary Council; then we will have the book written in Canada for Canadians by the Rev. R. Bennett, a Missionary of the Canadian Baptist Church in India, entitled THE CHURCH IN INDIA, A Canadian Viewpoint. This latter book was written upon the request of the Inter-Church Committee on Missionary Education.

A good story book to read is CHANGE OF HEART by Harold A. Ehrensperger, which tells of a young Indian's experiences as he is challenged by Communion and Christianity and why he chose the latter.

There is to be a book of poems of India entitled THE CROSS IS LIFTED which will be of value for use in services of worship as well as for private reading.

Maps and pictures will be available and lantern slides and films which will visually present India.

We suggest that every one collect all the information possible about India from newspapers and magazines during the summer months and come to the new study theme ready to learn about and to understand India, her problems, and the work of the Christian Church there.

Gifts to Mrs. Gillespie

Mrs. Gillespie was in our office not long ago. She was on holiday from her work at the Medicine Hat Training School. Many of you will remember her as hospital visitor in Toronto.

In the last year Mrs. Gillespie said many gifts had come to her mainly from Mission Band groups who were unaware that she was no longer working in Toronto. She wanted these groups to know that their gifts arrived, that they were very much appreciated and that they had all been given to children. All the gifts for children went to the House of Happiness, a hospital for incurable children. It was Mrs. Gillespie's wish that the donors of these gifts should be thanked. She suggested that for the present there should be no more sent. When it is again possible for a hospital visitor to look after them an announcement will be made.

TRAINING FOR TEEN-AGE LEADERS

The Organization Committee of the W.M.S. and The Board of Christian Education recently announced their plan to stress — on a nation-wide scale, the promotion of teen-age work.

In all Synods of the Church, Regional Secretaries, Presbyteries and Synod Convenors of Christian education, Presbyterial and Synodical Girls and Children secretaries plus National Secretaries for Christian education will assist in leadership. Two programmes will be stressed — the Canadian Girls in Training programme in The Presbyterian Church, and the new Sigma-C programme for boys.

Watch for future announcements concerning the training plan which may very well include you!

"All Those in Favour of

Summer Meetings?

(Mrs. J. A.) Elsie Risebrough, member of the Senior Auxiliary at Agincourt, Ontario, gives suggestions for summer meetings.

DO we hear someone mumbling, "Why have summer meetings?" Well – can we *afford* to let down and rest on our oars? They help keep up interest, and keep members together during the warmer weather. In rural areas occasionally a winter meeting has to be cancelled because of blizzards or impassable roads. To invite a special speaker, travel is so much easier in summer. Yes, the active auxiliary will be glad of extra meetings.

Make these meetings flexible, more informal. Programmes need not follow the recommended study book. Worship should suit the type of gathering. Have members answer roll call with the name of a missionary and the place she is stationed. Or, mention something read in the Glad Tidings. Discuss how you can help your Mission Band or Explorer Group in the fall. Do they lack leaders or materials?

Are you planning a July meeting close to Dominion Day? A programme centred around our national missions might be appropriate. Include our Chinese, Indian and Hungarian work at home. A lively missionary quiz can be fun, and needs little preparation. Or, a debate on Home Missions versus Foreign Missions provides entertainment, but does need more preparation.

Has one of your members a pretty garden where an afternoon tea could be held, perhaps to honour a new life member? (Strawberry short-cake is so delicious!) Admission might be recent copies of used magazines (not forgetting the Glad Tidings) for your local hospital or nearby institutions.

City groups might like a bus trip to some quiet spot or nearby point of interest for an outdoor meeting. Invite your Home Helpers. This would be an excellent time for the Welcome and Welfare Secretary to give a special invitation to those she visits.

Wouldn't you like to have a shower of gifts for our hospital visitors? Any useful article a patient might need is acceptable.

You could have an afternoon tea with a bale display. Have every member bring something for the bale, and a friend she is endeavouring to interest in W.M.S.

A work meeting for the bale can be indoors or out, with a pot luck supper or picnic lunch after a short service of worship. Have the ladies bring their knitting or sewing. You'll accomplish much this way.

If obtainable, a missionary speaker is always a special treat; but a book review of one of our recommended supplementary materials makes a good substitute. Book lists are on the back cover of each Glad Tidings, you know.

How about having an old-fashioned "sing-song" after devotions? Singing the old hymns of the church is always popular. Many of our best-loved hymns have a story behind them that could be related, or the group might like to hear a little about the author.

Does your auxiliary send a Canadian Girl In Training or one of the Church School girls to camp? Invite her to your summer meeting as a special guest, to give an informal report on her holiday.

Have you any new Canadians in your district? Arrange an international theme. Let them give a short talk on some of their native cus-

"City groups might like a trip to . . . point of interest for an outdoor meeting".
—Old Kildonan, Manitoba.

toms. They might come in native costume. Many Europeans do clever needlework, and perhaps could be persuaded to put on a display.

Similarly, they are often gifted musically. An old world musicale, followed by a luncheon featuring European dishes would be a real treat.

We usually think of quilting as a winter pastime, but one auxiliary held a most successful outdoor quilting on a shady lawn. Most of the members were mothers of young children, who in turn belonged to Mission Band. So they combined their quilting with a picnic for the small fry. Some members quilted while others kept the little ones busy. Kiddies just love games and races. Balloons and suckers make inexpensive prizes.

Even if you do not have a meeting, do try having some summer project. A garden party does take planning but is fun and gets the whole congregation working together.

Or a home baking sale is less complicated for a small group. These are ever popular, and will serve the purpose of keeping the group together in the holiday season.

So, don't let the warm months slip uselessly away. Begin now to lay out your summer schedule, whether it is an outdoor meeting or a garden party. But remember, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men".

A quiet spot beneath a shady tree —

A picnic, an outdoor quilting— Attractions for Summer meetings.

"Cook-Out"

by NORMA KENNEDY

SMELL that smoke! – and look over at the several little fires. I wonder what all the excitement is?

Certainly is a colourful spectacle; red shirts, plaid shirts and slacks. Why here comes a girl with an armful of wood. It's Betty from our C.G.I.T. group.

"Hi Betty! what's all the activity along the shore of the river?"

"Hi to you!" retorted Betty, "It's our C.G.I.T. hike and cook-out. Why don't you come and join us for dinner. Incidentally we're not having either sandwiches or hot-dogs."

Would you like to drop in on them? It is nearly meal time and I'll bet you're hungry. Suppose we join this group that seems to be playing with aluminum foil. This must be some dinner – all there is in the way of cooking utensils is a honey pail hung over a fire. Wonder if Betty made a mistake – weiners after all, but at least they're boiling them!!

But wait a minute – they seem to be dropping something wrapped in the aluminum foil into the fire. Whatever it is, it certainly is wrapped securely and free from air holes. Betty has just handed us cups of tomato juice – a good thing too, since we're hungry.

There's Joan toasting a hamburger roll over the coals of the fire. Guess she is hungry too! It is almost ten minutes since the aluminum pieces went into the fire and still no sign of food. Oh! oh! spoke too soon!! Betty is fishing for those aluminum patties. Let's go and see what is happening. Why inside those mysterious looking bundles are hamburgers, cooked and ready to be popped into a bun. Now I understand, the girls were wrapping the foil tightly around each patty to keep the meat juice in while cooking. What an easy way to get a meal and no frying pan to wash!!

"Hope there are more," I could hear the girls saying as I munched busily on a piece of celery and hamburger.

It is time for dessert and beverage. The honey pail is taken off the fire – it is good hot coffee. One of the girls in each group has scampered off between courses to get green sticks (not poplar) for toasting twisters. Now comes the treat, drop some butter and jam into the baked hollow twister and eat. Go ahead – there is plenty of dough to make more.

Everyone has had enough to eat – tomato juice, hamburgers with all the trimmings, celery and carrots, twisters and coffee. Pretty well balanced meal don't you think?

I see the planning committee has been working. Some of the girls are getting things ready for a treasure hunt, some are busy burning rubbish and papers, a few are gathering and piling wood for the campfire, while others are making sure that the cooking fires are completely extinguished.

The treasure hunt is over and we join the group at camp-fire for a sing-song, worship and taps.

"Zum gali, gali, gali. Zum gali, gali." . . . It is the Hebrew folk song from "Lift Your Voices" the girls are singing.

Jean spoke as the last strains of the song died away. "Doesn't such a song make you wonder how many other girls are having camp-fires around the world tonight?"

"Remember what Margaret Kennedy told us at the closing of our Mission Study. Bhil Indian girls have a camp-fire just like this when they go out to the villages with the Gospel of Christ," reminded Betty.

"Yes and at camp last summer Shako Kuroda from Japan was telling us about the hikes and cookouts the Japanese girls have."

"One more song and it's time to start home. What will it be?" asked the group president.

"This isn't a song but can we sing the hymn "In Christ there is no east or west?" asked a pig-tailed lassie.

"Can we do this again next week, Mrs. Brown?" I can hardly wait to go to camp."

Another laughed, "Oh Boy! that was a good dinner and easy to cook too."

Yes these girls have said what we all feel. It is fun to get out of doors, to feel the wind ruffling your hair, to walk across a carpet of fallen leaves and pine needles searching for nature's wonders. Something of the pioneer spirit seeps back into your veins when you sit around a camp-fire to when you sit around a camp-fire to eat your 'home-cooked" meal. It need never be a boring experience. There are always new menus to be tried and new haunts to be explored. "Want to come along?"

TWISTERS – per person.

½ cup flour
1 teaspoon of shortening

1 teaspoon baking powder
pinch of salt
about ¼ cup of water
small amount of extra flour
or ¾ of a cup of prepared biscuit flour.

Mix the dry ingredients in a bag or cup; work in shortening with fingers. Add water slowly, until stiff dough is formed. Handle as little as possible to keep from getting tough. Make it stiff enough to hold together; add a little flour if it gets too moist. (only practise will tell.)

Heat stick; flour it; put half mixture on stick by placing it over end, squeezing gently into a long thin covering. Cook by holding it about six inches away from the coals at first, so inside will bake, then brown nearer coals. Turn continually. Will slip off stick easily when done. Stuff with jam, bacon, etc.

Foil Cooking – per person.

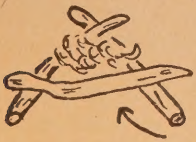
¼ lb. minced hamburg
chopped onion
pinch of salt
pinch of pepper
8″ square aluminum foil.

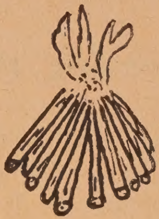
Mix onion with hamburg; season to taste. Form into patties about ½/ thick. Place in aluminum foil; seal tightly. Put in coals of fire for twelve minutes. Remove from fire and unwrap.

Place cooked hamburger on toasted bun and eat.

Cooking Fire.

1. Start with a foundation fire. Remember build gradually. Keep fire compact, each piece of wood touching other pieces for most of its length.





2. *Tepee Fire:* A quick hot fire for boiling. Concentrates heat at a small point at top. This is the type of fire you will need for making coffee.

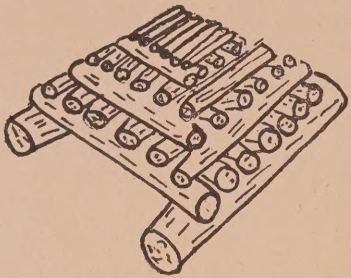
3. *Crisscross Fire:* A solid fire that will burn to coals or produce a long burning fire. Add fuel to make a crisscross of sticks. Put thick sticks at the bottom, lighter stick across. This is the fire you will need for foil cookery and twisters.

Resources

"Your own Book of Campcraft" – Catherine T. Hammett (Pocket Book)

"C.G.I.T. Camp Manual" – Department of Christian Education.

"Provincial Department of Health – Information for chlorinating water."



Concerning the Girls' Finance Project

The sum of $3,000.00 was suggested as a sum girl's groups across Canada could raise during this year. This money is to be spent on three special projects – one in Canada – supporting Van work . . . One in India – supporting Indian nurses on mobile clinics – and one in Formosa – supporting Formosan teachers in Tamsui Girls' School.

Up to the end of March the amount sent in by girls was $102.85. Have you sent your offering? You will not want to fall short of this opportunity to support these important pieces of work.

Claudia Comes to Canada

A story by Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port Worker at Quebec and Montreal. Miss Blackwell met Claudia when she came to Canada, and she tells you how she and her mother decided to come here and what happened when they arrived. Maybe you have met someone like Claudia?

CLAUDIA lived with her grandmother and grandfather in a little village in Germany. Her father had died when she was a baby and her mother worked in a big city some miles away to earn money to help feed and clothe Claudia. They were together only on week ends and at holiday times.

Claudia's mother thought, "It isn't right that my mother and father should have to look after my daughter all the time. They are getting old and they are not too well. I love my Claudia and I want her to live with me."

But it was not possible for her to find work in the village where grandmother and grandfather lived; nor could she find a room in the big city where Claudia could stay with her, and the little girl was still too young to be left alone all day while her mother went to the office to work. Mother thought they would have to go to some other country where there would be better opportunities. She had heard and read a great deal about Canada and she tried to save to make the long journey some day.

One day this German mother was given a copy of "Today", the daily devotional guide for Presbyterians in the United States, which had been discarded by an American soldier. She knew English very well; and she enjoyed the material in the booklet so much that she wrote a letter of appreciation to the lady who had been responsible for that issue. The American lady was the wife of a Presbyterian missionary. Many letters went back and forth across the Atlantic between these new friends. In one of her letters

Miss Blackwell with friends on the dock at Montreal.

Claudia's mother told of her desire to live in Canada. The American lady wrote to a friend in Southern Ontario, who, in turn, told her minister; and he sent the request on to the Rev. H. R. Pickup, Director of Immigration for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Arrangements were made to find work for the mother, if she would be allowed to come to Canada.

It was thought that Claudia's mother should come to Canada first to see if she would like it here, and she would send for her little girl when she had a nice home for her.

When she arrived at Quebec, she was met by the Presbyterian port worker, Miss Blackwell, who helped her with the landing procedures; and they travelled together to Montreal. Miss Blackwell helped her to find a comfortable room and befriended and encouraged her. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Presbyterian Church near where she lived took an interest in her. She was introduced to other ladies and young people of the Church. Soon she had made many friends in Montreal.

This New Canadian mother was very homesick. The letters from her parents and from Claudia didn't make her feel happy, either, because, even though the little girl liked the nice things her mother sent her in parcels from Canada, she always wrote, "I don't want to go to Canada. You must come back to Germany, Mommy."

"Claudia feels that way because she doesn't want to leave her friends and her grandparents," the mother tried to console herself.

She had been saving very hard from her salary every month, and earning extra money by baby sitting to pay Claudia's passage to Canada by air; and then she decided she would go back to Germany to visit her parents and she would bring Claudia with her on her return.

Just one year and one week from the day she arrived in Canada the first time, the mother was getting off the ship at Quebec with her daughter. Claudia did not know many English words; but she did say "Thank you" very sweetly for books and crayons she received from the Presbyterian port worker as a welcome to Canada.

The little girl was very excited about everything she saw in Canada. When she went with her mother shopping, she wanted so many things that were scarce in Germany. But her mother had to explain to her that she could not afford to buy everything at once.

When September came, Claudia started to school. At first it was very difficult for her because she did not understand the teacher very well. Gradually she learned more and more English.

In November she became ill; and it was a great shock when the doctor said, "Claudia has scarlet fever, and must go to isolation hospital."

But she was a brave girl in the hospital and kept herself busy reading and drawing and colouring in the books the people of the Church and her mother's office sent her to cheer her up. She took chicken pox while in hospital, and this delayed her return to school.

Claudia came home just two days before Christmas. What a happy Christmas she and her mother had in a new apartment all their own! Christmas eve they listened to the radio and sang carols, and they had their own little Christmas tree lighted with candles sent by grandmother and grandfather from Germany; and there were so many presents . . . dolls, dolls' furniture, doll house, books, clothing, etc. The people of the Church had been so good to them; and Claudia was thrilled when her Sunday School teacher visited her on Christmas Day bringing a book of Christmas carols.

Another evening Claudia will remember for a long time was the Church Annual Dinner. The Church Hall was crowded, and the Minister in his address said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to see that the guests at our Annual Dinners are becoming younger from year to year. Our youngest guest tonight is a New Canadian who is only eight years old.

Then he called Claudia by name and asked her to come to his table; and he gave her a flower from the centre of the table. Claudia, of course, replied "Thank You!" and gave a nice curtsy that she had learned to do in Germany.

When she was asked one day recently, "Would you like to go back to Germany to live?" her answer was "I don't want to leave Canada, not even if you pay me *ten* dollars!"

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. F. FISHWICK, 1636 E 29TH AVE.,
VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY.

Mrs. W. J. Murdoch was re-elected President of the British Columbia Synodical at the Annual Meeting held March 9th, 10th, and 11th. There were interesting discussions in all branches of the work. At two meetings Miss Hildur Hermanson presented our work in Formosa where she has been a missionary for twenty-two years. She told of all our workers there and of what they are doing in the Church there; also of the sacrifices made by Formosans in their desire to have a Church. Miss Hermanson's helpful suggestions provided added interest to the Sessions. Reverend W. D. Grant Hollingworth presented the work of Christian Missions to our prisons and Dr. W. G. Black, of the Department of Immigration in Vancouver, told of our responsibilities helping New Canadians to become citizens and how the Church can help.

A thought-provoking address was given by Miss Hazel Reaveley who has been serving in India.

The amount raised for missions exceeded considerably that of last year.

At the annual meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial Mrs. R. J. Douglas was elected Honorary President. Mrs. Douglas' election to this office gives recognition to the many services she has rendered to her Church and to the Society.

In the difficult days following June 1925 when her husband was our Synodical missionary, Mrs. Douglas shared in the responsibilities arising from his office by extending hospitality to many of our student ministers and to those coming from other lands to serve the Church in our province; she was always ready to give them a sympathetic hearing when they came with their difficulties. She has served several terms as Auxiliary President; she has been Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary; she has held several offices in our Provincial Society.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Hall, a returned missionary from India, was guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, **Creston.** A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Jean Robinson by her Mother, Mrs. McCreath.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the farewell dinner and presentation in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, **Creston.** Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have left **Creston** to reside in Vancouver. Mr. Robertson was called to St. Paul's Church. The W.M.S. Auxiliary presented Mrs. Robertson with a Life Membership. The certificate was presented by Mrs. Dow, president, and the pin by Mrs. Jean Robertson. Mrs. Robertson thanked the members, Home Helpers and Mission Band members, and all wished her God speed in her new field.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the March Executive meeting of the Victoria Presbyterial an impressive Memorial tribute to the late Mrs. A. A. McKinnon was given by Mrs. F. R. Moore. Mrs. McKinnon was Honorary President of the British Columbia Synodical Society.

Mrs. R. A. Davies presented complete plans for the Girls' Camp to be held at Glintz Lake July 1st to July 10th and a comprehensive report of Synodical meeting was given by the delegate, Mrs. J. A. McKinty.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Senior **Fairview** Auxiliary commemorated their 50th Anniversary in the form of a noon luncheon with 60 members and guests present. Inspiring short talks were given by the Synodical and Presbyterial Presidents, while the guest speaker was a former member of the Church now on deputation service as secretary for the Toronto office of the "Voice of the Andes". A most interesting resume was read re the inception and growth of the Auxiliary's work during the golden years. Several workers have heard the call to Service and thanks are given to the Lord of the Harvest for His leading.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's - St. Stephen's Auxiliary, **New Westminster,** a Life Membership was presented to Miss Jean McLean, a Junior membership was presented to Michael J. A. Houston for his activity in Missionary groups. A C.G.I.T. Affiliation service was held. Miss J. M. Hill, leader, was assisted by Miss Thorpe and World Friendship badges were presented to the new members by Miss A. Hill, Auxiliary President.

St. Paul's Auxiliary had Miss Ellen Douglas, Hospital Visitor, as special speaker at their Easter Thank-offering. Miss Douglas gave an interesting and worth while account of her work and reminded us that as Church and W.M.S. members our duty is to pray for help and guidance in the furtherance of this great work.

A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Edwards.

At the **Vancouver Heights** thank-offering an "In Memoriam" honouring the late Mrs. John McGillivray was presented to her daughter, Mrs. Hutchinson. The special speaker for the evening was Mrs. Fox, Presbyterial President.

Mrs. Metzgen, wife of the Hungarian Presbyterian Minister, was speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Presbyterian Church. Her theme, "Peter lovest thou me", was taken from St. John 21.

The W.M.S. of Robertson Presbyterian Church at their March meeting, held a memorial service for two faithful and loved members, Mrs. Captain J. C. Anderson, 1938 Charles St., and Mrs. A. J. Brown, late of Victoria Drive, who passed away last month.

ALBERTA

Mrs. L. E. Shaver, 234-2nd St. S.W.,
Medecine Hat, Alberta,
Press Secretary.

Members of the **Carstairs** W.M.S. held their Annual Meeting featuring the "Glad Tidings" using Bible reading and prayer suggested in it. For the programme each member read an article that was of interest to her during the last year in the magazine. Another chapter of the study book, "Where'er the Sun", was discussed. It is proving very interesting to all.

During this meeting a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. L. Alexander, President of the Senior Auxiliary.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary.

Miss Jessie E. Walls was re-elected President at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Synodical of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Church, **Saskatoon.** Reports indicated that while there were decreases in some departments, the membership showed an increase, and they indicated that it had been a good year both spiritually and financially. Miss Hildur Hermanson spoke on her work in Formosa at the evening session. Miss Hermanson also gave a parting address to the delegates before sessions closed. Mrs. M. Grant, beloved Honorary President of the Saskatchewan Synodical, installed the newly elected officers.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — Following the March 11th meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Tisdale,** the members of the Auxiliary were hostesses to the Mission Band children and their mothers. The boys and girls, under the direction of Mrs. L. Cresswell, their leader, entertained with several vocal selections.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — At **Tisdale,** the Senior and Junior Ladies' organizations met together for the Easter Thankoffering meeting. Mrs. L. Clarke conducted the service which was taken by members of the Junior Ladies and following the Easter Order of Service as published in the Glad Tidings. Miss June Cutt of **Prince Albert** was the guest speaker. She told of her work as a nurse among the Indians of the far northern part of Saskatchewan where she was able to minister to their physical needs and also set a Christian example for them at the same time.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Hildur Hermanson, Presbyterian missionary on furlough from Taipei on the Island of Formosa, addressed a public meeting in First Church, **Regina,** on Wednesday, March 31st. Formosa, said Miss Hermanson, is the centre of all activity in the far East. It is a strategic spot. She spoke on the problems that confront missionaries to the people of Formosa in the poverty, superstititon and ignorance. Miss Hermanson also referred to the Christian's responsibilities to the New Canadians entering Canada in such numbers.

The Edna Bell Auxiliary of First Church, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Boulter. Mrs. A. Aicken of Northside Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker.

Miss Hildur Hermanson was guest speaker at an Easter Thank-offering meeting arranged by the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Ruby Walker Guild of **Northside** Presbyterian Church, **Regina.** Parishioners from Walter Martin Memorial Church and Calvin Church attended.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Hartney,** Manitoba, was held at the home of Mrs. M. Duchesnau.

The Easter Service of Worship was used as printed in The Glad Tidings. Mrs. J. C. Duthie conducted the service, assisted by Mrs. W. McPherson and Mrs. E. Fry.

Reverend W. A. Douglas of **Melita** was guest speaker and gave a very enlightening and timely message on "World Missions". He also showed a film, "A day at Vellore", which was much enjoyed.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's, **Brandon,** was held on April 8th, at which Reverend J. B. Inglis was guest speaker and spoke on

"The Shrinking Field of World Missions."

The joint Thank-offering meeting of **Wellwood** and **Carberry** W.M.S. Auxiliaries was held in **Carberry.** Devotions were in charge of Mrs. S. J. Sharkey of Carberry assisted by Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Clarke of Wellwood.

The Explorer, C.G.I.T. and Mission Band groups attended.

Miss Hilda Hermanson was guest speaker.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — The March meeting of Knox Presbyterian W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Morden,** was held at the home of Mrs. W. Scales. All members were present and were very pleased to have as guest speaker, Mr. Courtenay, student minister of Roland Presbyterian Church.

The President, Mrs. Henderson, conducted the devotional period.

Mr. Courtenay gave a very interesting and thought-provoking address on the text, "But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them." John 2:24.

At the February meeting, Mrs. R. Denholm, delegate to the Annual meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial, gave an enthusiastic and interesting report of the meetings which was much appreciated. Members felt that such a report was most encouraging for them to go on in their work.

The spring thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Winnipeg,** was addressed by Reverend D. C. Hill, Synodical missionary for Manitoba. Mrs. C. L. Kennedy, president, presided.

At a recent meeting Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. S. A. Dawson, and Miss Agnes Morrison. The Ladies' Aid honoured Mrs. James Stewart with a W.M.S. Life Membership.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Miss Florence S. Baxter, Chippawa, Press Secretary.

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Many friendships were made and much W.M.S. inspiration received at the 40th Annual Synodical meeting, April 6-7-8, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **OWEN SOUND.** Coming from the mountaintop of such a meeting we report **Walkerton** having an Easter Thankoffering, also a meeting of Knox Sr. Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Edward Kramp. St. Andrew's Church, **SOUTHAMPTON,** observed their Easter Thank-offering as a family night with members of the Mission Band, Explorers' Group, C.G.I.T. and the Evening Auxiliary assisting the Senior W.M.S. An interesting feature was the showing of a film strip, "The trial of Jesus," by the Minister, Dr. Aitken.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL—Alexander Bartlet, **Windsor,** bring this month a springtime report of their Annual St. Patrick's W.M.S. tea and Bake Sale, held in St. Andrew's Church Parlour. They state the day was lovely and its sunshine drew a large attendance. Good write-ups of this appeared in the local paper, and the paper is to be complimented for the fine co-operative spirit in that it gives good coverage during the year to all W.M.S. news items from time to time sent them by the Society. Sewing was done by four W.M.S. members during the month for Grace Hospital and many hospital and Homestead patients were happy to receive calls and magazines from W.M.S. members.

A large number of members of Chatham Presbyterial attended the Kent Sectional meeting held in **Mount Zion** church, **Ridgetown,** to hear Miss Margaret Kennedy speak of her work in India among the Bhil people. Friends were present from **Wallaceburg, Dover,**

Dresden, Duart, Thamesville, Turin and **Ridgetown** Auxiliaries and all felt it was a great privilege hearing Miss Kennedy.

Reverend William Lawson, Pastor of St. Andrew's, **WINDSOR,** spoke to the Senior W.M.S. at the Easter meeting. At this the Library Secretary reported 158 magazines had been sent to Essex County Sanatorium by the W.M.S. ladies. **Riverside** Presbyterian Church will be at home in May to the Presbyterial Sectional meeting. At the April meeting toys for the Montreal Port Deaconess came in, also wool materials for quilt blocks, as a quilt is to be made for the bale.

The Laura Pelton Young Women's Auxiliary of **Windsor,** held a Spring meeting at **Faith Haven** and they are donating stuffed toys for the Church Nursery School, also accepting an increased missionary allocation.

A moment of silent prayer was observed in Knox Presbyterian, **Wallaceburg,** when the W.M.S. remembered Mrs. Alice Templeton and Mrs. Annie Sutherland. An interesting letter was read from Mrs. Gordon in Formosa, also one from Miss Maxine McGregor of India. A recent Bake-Goods sale was reported most successful.

The 37th Birthday of **Amherstburg** Senior W.M.S., St. Andrew's Church, was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Archie Shields. The original society was formed in 1884 and continued till 1889, then became an active society again in 1917. A few descendents of the old original members were present. Many members and friends honoured this happy anniversary.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — At a joint meeting of the Sr. and the M.A. Johnson Evening Auxiliaries of Calvin Church, **Hamilton,** Captain Elizabeth MacDonald, a Salvation Army Missionary on furlough, spoke of her work in India. The three Senior Auxiliaries of St. Paul's Hamilton, had Reverend Mariano DiGangi as their Thank-offering speaker.

Members of the Evening Auxiliary were guests of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox, **Burlington,** when Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Oakville, Council President, spoke on the work of the W.M.S. since its inception in 1870.

New Westminster held a family night for their Easter meeting with the C.G.I.T. in charge of the worship service and new members received their affiliation badges. A film, "Strange Gods of India," was shown.

At St. Andrew's, **Ancaster,** the Senior W.M.S. celebrated a 75th Anniversary with Reverend M. DiGangi as speaker. Mrs. James Carter, Mrs. Robert Ferguson, Mrs. John Edington and Mrs. John Livingstone were honoured. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Neil Livingstone on her 75th Birthday and a junior certificate was given Nora Livingstone. The newly inducted minister, Reverend Russell T. Hall, formerly of Tisdale, Sask., was the Easter Thank-offering speaker of St. John's Senior Auxiliary in Grimsby. He spoke on the work of the missions in the West.

The resignation of Mrs. A. D. Poole as recording secretary of the Hamilton Presbyterial was received with sincere regret. Mrs. Poole is leaving Hamilton to reside in London. Mrs. D. M. Allan and Mrs. Frank Duvall paid tribute to Mrs. Poole's years of faithful service in various offices on the executive.

Reverend M. DiGangi addressed the joint Easter Thank-offering of the Senior W.M.S., the Evening Auxiliary and Y.W. Auxiliary of Erskine, **Hamilton.**

At the 63rd Anniversary and Home Helpers' Tea of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, Hamilton, Mrs. Archie Ferguson, a past President of the Women's Association was honoured.

Mrs. E. G. Barton spoke at meetings of the Rosalind Goforth of New Westminster and the Mary McK. Grant of St. Andrew's, Hamilton, on her work in the Italian Presbyterian Mission.

There are two new C.G.I.T. groups formed in Hamilton. The girls at St. Paul's are making an afghan for one of the mission schools. The members of Knox attended a W.M.S. meeting and contributed several musical numbers.

A reunion for girls who attended Ancaster Camp last summer was arranged by Mrs. O. R. Farnan, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary. Miss Ruby Walker, Toronto, was a special guest and the occasion was most enjoyable.

Knox Senior Auxiliary, **Dundas,** honoured five Home Helpers, Mesdames M. Davidson, A. Fleming, M. Campbell, Jas. Graham and D. M. Walker, at a special Home Helpers' evening addressed by Mrs. Wm. Weaver, Hamilton.

Mrs. T. C. Van Kooten, of the Christian Reformed Church, showed coloured slides of a Mission tour of Eastern Canada to the Elizabeth Lyle Senior Auxiliary of Central Church, Hamilton.

At the Thank-offering of St. Enoch's Senior Auxiliary, Hamilton, Reverend G. A. Lowe of Chalmer's Church gave an illustrated talk on missions in Western Canada.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell presided over the Huron Presbyterial Leaders' Conference held the evening of March 26th in St. Andrews Church. After devotions the groups divided into Senior, Evening, C.G.I.T. and Mission Band and the conclusions drawn from the discussions were: The Senior Group aproved of the dialogue form of study book; they felt the need of more literature in simple form for Home Helpers, particularly for the Hospital patients visited and the need of added help for new officers to educate them for their respective duties. The Evening Group placed their discussion emphasis on "What makes a good officer." The C.G.I.T. presented a book made by their girls containing Order of Service for their meetings, illustrations of uniforms, and names of books of interest in C.G.I.T. work. The Mission Bank Leaders stressed having something of central interest like an open Bible with a picture of Christ in the back-ground, and they urged projections for hymns and action songs when available.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — In New St. James, **London,** Dr. William Barclay, a past president of the General Assembly, was guest speaker for the April W.M.S. Dr. Barclay reviewed his 50 years in the ministry and he stressed his belief that the low standard of living in Asia could be raised by Christianity and that Christianity will help stabilize that continent. Reports were brought in from the recent Hamilton-London Synodical meeting in Owen Sound.

Miss Ruby Goupaul of British Guiana, who is presently attending London Bible Institute and who was a deaconess for more than two years in the Presbyterian Missionary Society, was the Easter Thank-offering speaker at Chalmer's Church, **London.** She stated the progress of religious education in British Guiana was the responsibility of the W.M.S.

Kintyre W.M.S. held the World Day of Prayer service at the home of Miss Jessie Anderson, with Reverend Blakely as the afternoon speaker.

A Christian Education Rally was held Friday evening in Knox Church, **St.**

Thomas, with Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Secretary of the W.M.S. Council and Miss Anne MacEachern, Regional Secretary for the Synod of Hamilton-London, present. They conferred with the members of Alma St. and Knox Church in their programme of Christian Education for Children and teen-age girls. On Saturday a Christian Education Rally for the children and teen-age girls of Alma St., Forest Ave. and Knox was held with Miss MacEachern meeting the C.G.I.T. girls, their leaders and their mothers; and Miss Macarthur conferring with the Children and Mission Band leaders. At noon the Ladies Aid Societies and W.M.S. Auxiliary of Alma, and Knox provided luncheon. Arrangements for this rally were in charge of Mrs. J. K. West, President of London Presbyterial and Mrs. J. M. Stirling, the Teen Age Girls Secretary of London Presbyterial.

The Spring Thank-offering of the W.M.S. and Wilkie Society Evening Group was held Sunday evening at evening Worship hour in St. George's Church, **London,** with Reverend J. R. Waldie conducting the service and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Missionary nurse home on furlough from the Bhil field, India, as guest speaker. Members of the C.G.I.T. were ushers and also received the special offering, which was dedicated by Reverend Waldie. A fireside hour followed the evening service.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—Late in March **Chippawa** W.M.S. arranged a lovely evening in the form of a Family Night, inviting all members of the Congregation and dedicating this in memory of the late Agnes Lent Hall, widow of the former Minister Reverend J. T. Hall. Mrs. Hall was very much interested in W.M.S. work and was instrumental in forming the first district meeting in this area. Mrs. J. A. Bell, **Fort Erie,** a District Sectional President, brought Presbyterial greetings, after which Lantern Slides where shown on the Formosan and India fields. A sing-song of old favourite gospel hymns was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the meeting Mrs. William Coutts, of the Manse, and Mrs. James Orr poured tea. The Bessie MacMurchy girls sang and the Mission Banders gave their mooto and closing Banders gave their motto and closing is being sent to Council treasurer in Toronto to be used for some missionary project honouring Mrs. Hall's memory.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—The Alexander MacKenzie Auxiliary, **Paris,** had as their guests at their Easter Thank Offering the members of Brantford Central Church Evening Auxiliary. Reverend G. Deane Johnston gave an interesting address on "The Expanding Horizon of Foreign and Home Mission Work in our Church."

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Eva Fleming was hostess for the March meeting of the Cuthbertson Auxiliary of W.M.S. in St. Andrew's, **Wyoming.** The President, Mrs. George Dewar, was in the chair. A brief outline of the progress of our "Glad Tidings" magazine was presented and it was stated this is the only missionary publication in Canada which gives a financial statement regularly.

In Mooretown, Miss A. Harkness was honoured for her many years of faithful service in St. Andrew's W.M.S. at a meeting held in the home of Mrs. Russel German. The President, Mrs. J. Turnbull, presided and after the study book and an interesting article on the old hymn "Jesus I my Cross have taken" there followed a fine paper "Lamps of the Sanctuary" presented by Mrs. A. MacPherson, Press Secretary.

The Misses Grant of St. Andrews Church, **Corunna,** opened their home for the Spring W.M.S. Thank-offering, having twenty regular members and four visitors present. Miss Joan Mappelbeck now an instructress of nurses in Sarnia General Hospital, and formerly nursing in an Indian hospital in Bella Bella, B.C., three hundred miles north of Vancouver, was the guest speaker and she brought very interesting sidelights of our work in the Indian Mission stations.

Mrs. P. J. McEwen brought the Message for the Easter Thank-offering meeting held in the Primary Department and devotions were taken from the March Glad Tidings. Mrs. McEwan stated the real message of Easter to us was, "Go ye," and said we should be careful to witness among the children on every possible occasion.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Mrs. C. A. McGibbon, 18 Cedar St., Toronto 8, Ont., Press Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of **Toronto** and **Kingston** Synodical Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Barrie,** April 6, 7, 8.

Mrs. E. S. Curr, acting President, constituted the Synodical with prayer.

Mrs. W. McEachern, President of Barrie Presbyterial extended a warm welcome to delegates and visitors, calling to mind the inauguration of Barrie Presbyterial in 1887 by four auxiliaries, Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood and Churchill. The Presbyterial has grown steadily although seven auxiliaries later withdrew to form North Bay Presbyterial.

Welcome to St. Andrew's was given by the minister, Reverend James Ferguson and to the town of Barrie by His Worship, Mayor Heber Smith.

Reports of secretaries and Presbyterial presidents showed progress, also problems to be solved. Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Secretary National Missions, led discussion, noting important points in each report and encouraging delegates to tell of their efforts in solving problems. Miss Matthews out of her wide experience, was able to offer valuable advice and many helpful suggestions.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Ranson, was happy to report the allocation for 1953 exceeded and presented the 1954 allocation of $90,500.00

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, Miss Matthews gave an inspiring address. She said "What does membership in our Society require of us?" basing her remarks on Micah 6:8, What doth the Lord require of us but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Each member needs to have in her heart a deep and abiding faith in God, Loyalty, enthusiasm, service and witnessing are essentials in fulfilling the aim and purpose of our Society. God will give us strength for that which He would have us do.

Dr. J. A. Munro, Associate Secretary, General Board of Missions, gave an impressive address. He stressed the theme of the meeting, "The Royal Command", Acts 1:8 "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem — and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Dr. Munro pictured the task facing the Church today in building a Christian Canada.

Miss Margaret Kennedy thrilled and challenged her hearers with the graphic story of her work of Evangelism with the Bhil people in Central India; those whose lives are circumscribed by spirits and who seek continually to rid themselves of the fears and superstitions that constantly beset them. The half million who have never heard the "Word" are looking to us who have the power of God in us. Arise ye Christians in Canada.

The Reverend James M. Milroy, M.A., B.D., Moderator of Synod, brought greetings from Synod and conducted the election and installation of officers for 1954-55 in a reverent and impressive service calling upon each officer to be faithful to the task entrusted to her.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — Spring flowers and lighted yellow and mauve candles decorated the head table for the annual supper meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Misionary Auxiliary, **Orillia.** There were 200 in attendance. Grace was said by the Reverend Dr. J. A. MacInnis. Reverend M. Zeidman, a graduate of Knox College and founder of Scott Mission Incorporated in Toronto, told of his visits to war-torn countries and to Israel. He stressed the great need and the importance of material aid in teaching Christianity.

The Mission Band of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Gravenhurst,** held an Easter Thank-offering meeting using part of the service as outlined in the booklet "Christian Growing." The children, after having been told about the suffering Korean children, voted to send a donation of $5.00 to our own Missionary Society and ask that it be used for that purpose. The children had earned their special offering by selling cookies. Those taking part in the worship service were Anne Tomlinson, John Moore, Kathryn McNeice and Barbara Hill, assisted by Mrs. McNeice.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Bracebridge** was held at the Manse with very good attendance. It was presided over by Mrs. C. G. Vais, who extended a cordial welcome to the members and friends. The Easter service of Worship from the "Glad Tidings" was followed.

Two Life Membership certificates were presented at this meeting, one to Mrs. W. Botting and the other to Mrs. Alex. Cooper. One of the certificates was a gift from our own Miss Marjorie MacKay who has been working as a deaconess for over fourteen years and whose designation took place in Knox Church, Bracebridge.

Two new Missionary groups have been organized lately. The evening group which has been named "The Marjory MacKay" group and the Girls' group which is named "The Helen Bricker group."

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Knox Women's Missionary Society of **Acton** held their Easter Thank-offering on April 8th in Knox Church. Reverend K. J. McMillan of St. Andrew's Church, **Guelph** was the guest speaker and gave an over-all picture of the mission fields, beginning with British Guiana, the most disheartening and ending with Formosa where great advancement has been made. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed his vivid and interesting talk. A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Howard Allison by the Auxiliary.

Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions, was the speaker at The Gale W.M.S. Auxiliary at their annual spring Thank-offering in The Gale Presbyterian Church, **Elmira.** President of the W.M.S., Mrs. C. C. Rachas, presided and devotions were given by Mrs. John Small and Mrs. Black, Fergus. The speaker's theme was "The Compassion of our Lord" and Miss Matthews spoke of our missionary efforts both abroad and in Canada. She spoke of the splendid work being done and the great need of active workers, financial help and our daily prayers.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Easter Thank-offering of **Centreville** W.M.S. was held Sunday Evening. Reverend Mr. Smith of St. Giles Church, **Peterborough,** was guest speaker. The choir of St. Giles Church was in attendance and gave special music.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Supply Secretary on Council Executive, brought the Easter Thank-offering message to the Dovercourt Auxiliary; her theme being, "The Risen Christ". An Honourary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. S. V. Persson for her faithful service in the Auxiliary and Mission Band. The presentation was made by Mrs. R. Jenner.

Eversley, Ont. In the death of Miss Alice A. Ferguson, March 8, 1954, Presbyterian circles have lost a beloved personality and great Christian character. Her dynamic personality for leadership; her understanding of human nature; her depth of sympathy and her breadth of vision were a tower of strength of the church life of **Eversley** and a source of inspiration to her community.

Miss Ferguson passed away at the Stouffville Nursing home in her 85th year, after a brief illness. The funeral service was conducted by her minister, Reverend David C. Wotherspoon.

Miss Ferguson was active in all departments of Eversley Presbyterian Church. For nearly 65 years she was associated with the Eversley auxiliary of the W.M.S. which was founded by her mother in 1888. She was a life member of the organization, and was treasurer for over 40 years, until December, 1953. For a short time she had served as the president. For the greater part of her life, Miss Ferguson was a leader in Sunday School work, and conventions in this connection. She was a familiar figure at Presbyterial and Sectional gatherings and her service in the cause of missions, at home and abroad, was an outstanding contribution. In the Church life of district denominations, she displayed loyal interest.

Miss Ferguson had a fine taste for writing, turning to a variety of subjects, which were accepted in a large field of publications. She had written a book of verses for children and her poetry was followed with admiration. Best loved were her hymn verses, the greatest of these being "A Rendezvous with God."

Alice Ferguson will be missed. Her memory will be revered for she feared God and all His people were her neighbours. She was the friend of the sorrowing, the needy, the sick and the wandered. She was the friend of children, the minister, the teacher, the missionary, and the friend of Christianity whereever it be found.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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Mrs. D. Mason McLennan of **Lancaster** was elected President of the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (W.D.) which was held in St. John's Church, **Cornwall.**

Mrs. W. E. Baker, President, presided at all sessions which were well attended. Devotions at the opening session were conducted by the Reverend J. Honeyman of **Finch.** Greetings from the Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Dr. Allen S. Reid were read and greetings from Glengarry Presbytery were brought by the Moderator, the Reverend G. S. Lloyd of Cornwall.

We were fortunate in having as one of the speakers, Miss Margaret Kennedy, on furlough from the Bhil Field, Jobat, India, who gave an inspiring talk on her work. Miss Kennedy stressed the need of more missionaries and money to carry on the work of Christ in that part of His vineyard. An address was also given by the Reverend Clifton J. Mackay, B.A., D.D., minister of Knox Crescent and Kensington Church, **Montreal.** His subject was "Other Little Ships" naming three of them, Worship, Fellowship and Stewardship.

The treasurer reported all Synodical allocations had been exceeded and a larger one accepted for this year. A tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. E. E. Preston, a former Home Helper

Secretary, whose death occured in February. Miss Louise Reith, Executive Secretary of Literature brought greetings from Council and conducted the installation of officers. The retiring President, Mrs. W. E. Baker, was presented with a Bible from the Executive.

*The Leadership Training Camp for 1954 is to be held at the Peace Memorial Camp, **Lancaster,** Ontario, August 12 to 16th inclusive — Thursday evening to Monday. Registration $1.00, Board $7.00. Leaders in the various groups to be: Mrs. Lena McBain, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Dorothy Sinclair.

BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The girls of **Brockville** Presbyterial held a rally in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Cardinal.** Mrs. George Forrester, **Cardinal,** Girls' Secretary of Brockville Presbyterial, presided. Mrs. Harold Graham of **South Mountain** spoke to the girls and reminded them of the opportunities they have as a group of Christian girls. The Presbyterian camp at Lancaster was mentioned and the girls were asked to remember this when planning their holidays this summer. The **Cardinal** group presented a play written by Miss Helen Bricker. Miss Margaret Kennedy, missionary on furlough from Indian was the guest speaker. She told of her work among the Bhils in India. The Reverend Eric Larsen of **Mountain** closed the rally with prayer.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — A valuable and efficient worker in our W.M.S. was removed in February when the death of Mrs. E. E. Preston, wife of the Reverend E. E. Preston, minister Emeritus of **Vankleek Hill** was announced. Mrs. Preston came with her husband to the Vankleek Hill charge shortly after church union. She was a life member of the W.M.S. and was twice president of Knox Auxiliary. She was on the committee of the Lancharge of the Cradle Roll department. Mrs. Preston had been a President of Glengarry Presbyterial and was a member of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical. She was no the committee of the Lancaster Memorial Peace Camp.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Dr. C. Ritchie Bell was guest speaker at the Easter meeting of the Goforth Circle Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **St. Lambert,** P.Q. The meeting was held in the Church Hall. The President, Mrs. W. L. Duncan presided. Dr. Bell presented a Life Membership certificate and pin to Mrs. J. A. Koffend.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. E. Roffe, missionary on furlough, who has spent 25 years in French West Africa was the special speaker at the Easter thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Mrs. V. Woods presided.

The Senior Auxiliary of Westminster Church met for the first time in the new church building in March. Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, President of the Ottawa Presbyterial gave an interesting and informative address on the British and Foreign Bible Society tracing its history from 1804 to 1954. Special guests were Mrs. J. M. Ritchie of **Almonte** a former president of the Auxiliary and members from Gloucester Auxiliary.

Life Membership certificates were presented to two charter members. Mrs. W. B. Limm and Miss Minerva Lowry. Miss Mildred Stinson presided and gave a short history of the auxiliary.

World Church News

The Archbishop of York has issued a warning against adopting a fatalistic attitude regarding the hydrogen bomb. The menace of the hydrogen bomb, he says, has overshadowed all other problems, but we must not assume that the bomb will be used. He appeals for a resolute and determined attempt to remove the causes of war.

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Organization	2,472.23
Publication	1,165.60
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Missionaries' Salaries deposited in Canada on request	863.13
	$22,048.53

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Birtle	5,724.46
Exchange	2.10
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Pension and Retirement Fund	
Annuity rate from worker	$ 40.00
Interest	9.50
Legacy Fund	
Payment on Windermere property	50.00
Interest	229.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	
Interest	66.50
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Pension and Retirement Fund	
Allowance to worker in lieu of pension	$ 25.00
Legacy Fund	
Van for Western Canada	1,500.00
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Editorial

PERHAPS if we even breathe the term "Work Shop Groups" there will be women across our country who will turn pale and feel faint, their minds taken back to five days of hard work at the Council meeting in Winnipeg.

It was true that many delegates had to work hard this year at Council. Because the Organization Committee chose to discuss issues in discussion groups, — chairmen and recorders of these small groups were called upon to give leadership and to make reports. This meant that there was greater participation on the part of the delegates in thinking through and speaking of the work of the Society. The sharing of the Council meeting meant that there was a greater sense of team-work.

As we present a brief report of the Council — as we look ahead to the decisions of Council being worked out in the fall we shall be conscious of that team work. We shall realize that you in the auxiliaries are bearing a very fair share of the responsibility of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This, it seems to us, is just as it should be. There should be a close working together of the auxiliary members, the missionaries, council executives and the executive staff. Paul, in his letter to the Romans tells his friends in Rome that there is a plan for everyone in the service of Jesus Christ; that we are all members of one body. Because we believe this true, we as a Society, and as a Church, need to lay more emphasis upon team work. We must have closer communication one with the other — in discussion of the work of the Church, in fellowship, and in prayer. If the Organization committee set our steps most definitely in this direction by its methods — the National and Overseas committees proved by their presentation that a great many things have been accomplished and greater things await to be accomplished by a Society whose membership feels the strength of a fellowship under God and a devotion to His service.

Team work comes into our thinking at this time too, as we consider the Assembly of the World Council of Churches meeting in August in Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Gallagher, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, has given us an idea of how we, as a Church in Canada, share in The World Council of Churches. In this wide sphere of influence we have our place and this summer as the assembly meets for the second time in the history of the Council, we need to know what issues are before the World Church and how we, as team members, can help form them.

Finally, and still on the subject of team work, I would like to take the opportunity to refer to a fact which most of you will know by now — the fact that I, who have been privileged to serve as your Editor for the past five and a half years, am now preparing to serve a different place on the staff team. I am in a position to know that team work counts in the work of the Church, for every one of you, from Glad Tidings and Press Secretaries, to the readers of this magazine, have given me your support in every way it was possible. I know that that spirit will prevail and bless the one who becomes the new Director of Publications.

We have still a long way to go before we achieve that perfect liason between the writers and the readers of Church periodicals — but much is being accomplished today in the spread of information through the medium of the printed word. As we grow in our consecration to the work of the Church we will know that God has given us many channels through which we may know Him and learn to serve Him. It is my hope and prayer that your magazine may have greater and greater influence throughout the Presbyterian Church. It will be my pleasure, and my duty to support it in every way you do— as a subscriber — as a reader — and even possibly as an occasional contributor.

To you, whom I have sought to serve as Editor, I say "Thank you for your support and interest." May we all work together in the years to come, in the service of the Christ's Church.

Prayer

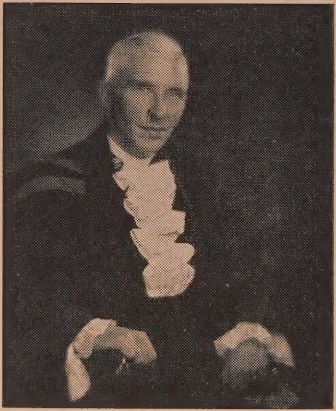
ALMIGHTY and ever loving God, the Creator of the wonderous beauty of the universe, the Inspirer of all noble and right thinking, we bow before Thee in adoration and praise.

We ask Thy gracious blessing on our Society, that all its undertakings may be for the extension of Thy Kingdom. Grant wisdom to the members of the Council Executive as they plan and direct the work. Grant wisdom and a deep sense of responsibility to the president of every Auxiliary. Protect and bless each one of our missionaries and workers.

We pray for Thy Church everywhere. Give power to the preaching of Thy Word.

For the rulers of our country and empire we beseech Thy guidance and mercy, the courage to rule in righteousness, serving Thee, the Divine Ruler.

Hear us, O Lord, and forgive our many sins through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.



Reverend J. Lewis W. McLean

The Moderator of The General Assembly 1954

Reverend J. Lewis W. McLean, M.A., D.D., was elected Moderator of the eightieth General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, at its annual assembly in June. Dr. McLean is Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, British Columbia.

The Women's Missionary Society wishes to take this opportunity of congratulating the new moderator on his election to the Church's highest office. We hope his Moderatorial year is one of the finest in the eighty years of history of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In that regard we hope that our Society, as an integral part of the whole Church may do its full share in assuring the success of the year ahead.

The Second Assembly of The World Council of Churches

Its Significance for Canada and for the Christian Church throught the world.

by **W. J. GALLAGHER**

General Secretary, The Canadian Council of Churches

The Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held at Evanston, Illinois, August 15-31, 1954. This will be a very important and significant assembly, which may have great consequences for the ecumenical movement and for the world mission of the Church.

The Assembly is, of course, a parliament about the affairs of the World Council of Churches. As such it will receive reports of all the Council's activities and will consider many questions of policy and programme. Among the reports to be received will be those of the Faith and Order Commission, the Secretariat for Evangelism, the Churches' Commission on International Affairs, the Ecumenical Institute, the Study Department, the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, the Youth Department, the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, and the Joint Committee of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council. This list brings before the imagination a vision of the scope of the Council's activities and interests.

The World Council of Churches has now had ten years "in process of formation" and six years of operation since its formal organization at Amsterdam in 1948. That experience has been under review by a special committee which will present a report to this Assembly on the Structure and Functioning of the Council. It proposes a significant re-organization.

The Assembly is also an ecumenical meeting-place. Here will gather the representatives of 160 Churches of many Communions from some 48 countries of the world. Their very coming together will be a great experience of Christian community and of ecumenical education. Apart altogether from any action which it may take, this Assembly will have very great value as an opportunity for fellowship and mutual understanding.

The Assembly will be significant, again, as an occasion of common Christian witness by the Churches to the world. Its programme has been designed to give opportunity for united witness on several great matters. Its meeting will witness to the divided world of the unity that is in Christ. Its main theme, Jesus Christ the Hope of the World, will declare to men who are pursuing false hopes or who have lost all hope in Christ. Its six subsidiary themes will offer a Christian testimony regarding contemporary problems of Christian unity, worldwide evangelism, social order, international affairs, race relations and the Christian calling of the laity.

At many points this Assembly will face severe and significant tests. In the face of the tensions between East and West, between Asia and Africa on the one hand and Europe and America on the other, between Europe and the U.S.A., will the Churches show a unity in Christ stronger than these political and social and economic divisions? Will the voice of the Church be different from that of the world? In the face of their own confessional and denominational tensions, will the Churches show that they have a unity in Christ which transcends their separations? In the face of their doctrinal differences, can they proclaim together the message of hope in Christ in its full relevance for their own life and for the life of the World? Will they speak home to the conscience of mankind the Christian word regarding world politics, race relations, and the other grave matters proposed for their consideration?

All these questions have the same significance for the Churches in Canada as for the Churches elsewhere. The answers they receive will have a decisive bearing upon the life and work of the Churches for years to come. For us in Canada the Assembly will have additional significance, I think because it will be so close at hand. By its proximity and the publicity which it is likely to receive we shall probably be made more aware than we have been of the existence and activity of the World Council of the ecumenical movement's quest for more effective expression of Christian Unity. That may become significant for the Canadian Churches. In the particular circumstances, also, of a world Assembly held in the

United States at the present juncture of world affairs, it is possible that the representatives of our Canadian Churches might bear a special responsibility. Amid the tensions of this time and place and situation we might have some humble role of mediation. If so, may God give us grace and wisdom.

Pray for the Evanston Assembly, for the Canadian delegation, for all the Assembly's participants, and for all its deliberations.

Two members of The Society's staff are to be present at Evanston as official representatives:

Miss Frieda Matthews, director of National Missions is an official visitor of The Presbyterian Church.

Miss Margaret Near who recently took charge of the Chinese kindergarten work in Toronto, represents the National Young People of Canada.

The Council Meeting

1954

MRS. W. R. ADAMSON
President, Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.)

THE Annual Meeting of The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg.

Throughout the sessions which began in the afternoon of Monday, May 10 and continued till Friday noon, May 14, the delegates and visitors were made most welcome by the Minister of First Church, Reverend D. Gordon Maclean, D.D., by the session and by all organizations of the Church. The women of the Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, headed by Mrs. Douglas Ross, Manitoba Synodical President, the General Convener of the Council, spared no effort to make the people attending as happy and as comfortable as possible.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson, President, presided at all sessions. 41 delegates were present from The Synodical Societies. Members of Council Executive and Staff were also in attendance as were visitors from Winnipeg, Brandon and other centres.

British Columbia
Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Mrs. W. T. Beattie, Mrs. J. C. Scott, Mrs. R. H. Blackstock

Alberta
Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. L. Meier, Mrs. H. Magnuson, Mrs. A. M. Shearer, Mrs. G. E. O. Scott

Saskatchewan
Miss J. E. Walls, Mrs. F. Dixon, Mrs. D. A. Yoos, Mrs. E. Sneath, Mrs. W. Sanftleben

Manitoba
Mrs. D. H. Ross, Mrs. H. J. Loney, Mrs. J. G. McBurney, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. F. A. Gemmel

Hamilton and London
Mrs. A. Hamilton, Mrs. George Dewar, Mrs. D. McInnis, Mrs. Glen Campbell, Miss F. Baxter, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. D. J. Lane

Toronto and Kingston

Mrs. A. S. Curr, Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. H. Tate, Mrs. W. H. V. Walker, Mrs. F. Somers, Mrs. J. A. Newstead, Mrs. R. B. Ledingham

Montreal and Ottawa

Mrs. D. Mason McLennan, Mrs. H. Graham, Mrs. A. A. MacGregar, Mrs. A. I. Burnett, Miss B. Ferguson, Mrs. Phillip Boy, Mrs. L. Coulter

Notes From Council Reports

M. E. W.

All of the presentation of Organizational work was done in discussion groups this year. Miss Webster and Miss Haw have summarized those discussions elsewhere in the magazine. Here we will just comment on special things which happened as each department's work was studied.

Publications:

It probably isn't good form to begin with one's own department, but discussion on the Literature Department's work and The Glad Tidings was conducted in the same way as the Organization Department and on the first day. We probably can't just say that first things come first – but . . . we can at least report in the same order as the programme. Miss Reith is going to comment on her discussions in her page.

We discussed finances and promotion in our department. After a very careful look at the place the magazine has in our Society's work – the group discussing promotion felt that each member should take more interest in the magazine and the suggestion was made to the Council's plenary session that each member give a short-term subscription to a non-subscriber. This would only cost twenty-five cents (September-December) and would have the double-barrelled effect of aiding in the promotion of the whole work. The group decided to ask the Editorial Committee to study the Every Home Plan now used by The Presbyterian Record—to see if a similar plan might be feasible for the Glad Tidings.

Supply:

Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Supply Secretary introduced three men into her presentation of Supply work. She placed before the Council the problem of whether bales to Indian reserves were useful now. All three of the men who spoke about them urged their continuance. Reverend Mr. Crump of Portage La Prairie, Mr. N. N. Rusaw of Birtle Indian School and Mr. Eric Barrington of Cecelia Jeffery Indian School stated that careful oversight of distribution overcame any ill effects of bales deterring Indian people from making provision for their own clothing. Mr. Rusaw said that they even found use for high-heeled shoes—an item the women were especially asked to omit in the bales. Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw put the high-heeled shoes and other unusuables in a place where small Indian children can play dress-up games with them on rainy days.

Christian Literature:

The power of the printed word was featured in Mrs. A. J. Cherry's presentation of Christian Literature. The delegates were shown the extent that communist papers and periodicals are circulated in this country. To counteract this, Hungarian, Ukranian, French Christian papers diligently work to present the Christian democratic way of life. It is such papers as these which are circulated in Canada and throughout the world that the $10,000 to $14,000 are spent each year.

Welcome and Welfare:

This department headed in Council Executive by Mrs. J. M. Burnett, is a challenge to the lay Christian in every community. Mrs. Burnett renewed that challenge to the Council and showed, by example, how necessary a part of our missionary work is the warm welcome given to newcomers to Canada.

Library:

Mrs. H. S. Reid urged the Council delegates to realize the importance of sending books and periodicals to isolated areas. She pointed out however, that too often the W.M.S. Auxiliaries did not inquire about places near at hand which they could serve in this way. She said that confusion as well as expense could be saved if care was taken in this matter.

Students:

The need for students to be brought into closer fellowship with the Church was the urgency of Mrs. F. H. Burnaby's report. She made a definite move to bring this about when she suggested that the W.M.S. student whole matter was left for further study.

Candidates:

Miss Pelton read Mrs. A. R. McMurrich's report to Council. The Candidates' Secretary emphasized the call that comes to the Churches to have contact with men and women who are going to foreign countries under other agencies than the Church. These people are serving commerce and industry abroad as well as the United Nations and government agencies giving technical assistance to underdeveloped countries. These people represent a Christian country. The Church needs to be aware of their work and give them help in Spiritual matters, that as they represent their business and their country, they may stand firm for their Christian beliefs.

The Organization Department

— Reviews its purpose

— And announces plans for the fall of 1954.

Presentation of the work of the Organization Department to the Council Meeting in Winnipeg was made by Miss Ellen Haw (Chairman of Council Executive's Organization Committee), Miss Margaret Webster (Executive Director of Organization) and those members of the Organization Committee who where able to be present in Winnipeg.

"The Organization Department is the Society itself — as it is organized in its Children's and Girls' groups, Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries, its Presbyterials, Synodicals, and Council," said Miss Haw. "The Organization Committee's work is to serve and strengthen the Society as a whole."

MISS ELLEN V. HAW
Chairman, Organization Committee

The Organization Committee, it was explained, is made up of representatives of a number of subcommittees which plan policy and programme aids for the various aspects of the work. The Children's and Girls' Work Committees are joint committees with the Board of Christian Education, since that Board and the Women's Missionary Society work together in children's and girls' work. The Adult Committee considers the work of Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries. The Deputation Committee does its best to ensure fair distribution of missionary speakers in all parts of the Dominion, and the Regional Secretaries Committee consider the special needs of these Secretaries, who serve within the Department.

Much of the work concerning the Department was considered in discussion groups which will be reported elsewhere. There are, however, a few items which should be mentioned here.

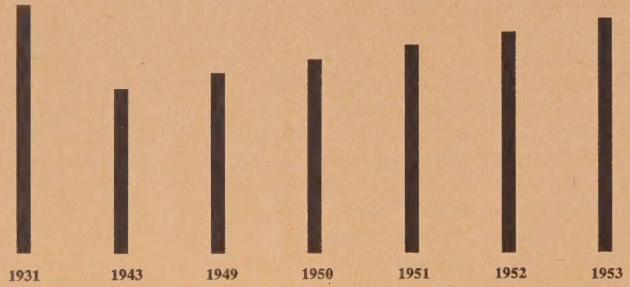
Statistics

Membership statistics reported were as follows:

Department	Active	Home Helpers	Total Membership	Increase over 1952
Senior	14,867	7,462	22,329	454
Evening	5,088	636	5,724	80
Young Women	1,565	95	1,660	102
Girls	2,946		2,946	91
Children	10,575x	132	10,707	581
Total	35,041	8,325	43,366	1,308

x Explorers	2,311
Mission Bands	8,264

The following bar chart shows trend in total membership over several years:



1931	48,077 members (peak year since 1925)
1943	38,887 members (low year since 1925)
1949	39,017
1950	39,374
1951	40,367
1952	42,058
1953	43,366

Plans for the Fall of 1954

Two major projects are being undertaken by the Department in the fall of 1954 — a series of Conferences for Presbyterial Organization Department Secretaries, and trans-Canada promotion of Teen-age work.

Conferences for Presbyterial Organization Department Secretaries

In each Synodical a Conference will be held (in September or October) for those who have been appointed by Presbyterials to maintain contact with the various branches of the Society — the Presbyterial Children's, Girls', Young Women's, Evening and Senior Department Secretaries, together with the Presbyterial Presidents.

At these Conferences the Secretaries will have opportunity to study the needs of the work in their area, discuss the various aspects of their duties and to make plans for the strengthening of the Society as a whole.

Leadership at the Conferences will include Miss Margaret Webster (Director of Organization), Miss Lily Macarthur (Presbyterian National Secretary for Children's Work), Miss Helen Bricker (Presbyterian National Secretary for Girls' Work), the newly appointed Secretary for Adult Work, and in each area, the Regional Secretary for that area.

Teen-Age Promotion

The Organization Committee and the Board of Christian Education have agreed to cooperate in a project to give special promotion to teen-age groups and training for leaders in this age-group this fall. During September, October or early November, every Presbytery in the Church will be visited by a trained worker in Boy's work and a trained worker in Girls' work. They will be assisted by the Presbytery Convener of Christian Education and the Presbyterial Girls' Organization Secretary. On one night they will meet with representatives of key organizations (including the W.M.S.) in each congregation to discuss the strengthening of teen-age work; on the next two nights they will train leaders for C.G.I.T. and Sigma C (the new boys' work programme) groups.

Word regarding local plans will reach congregations through Presbytery and Presbyterial Committees. In the meantime, W.M.S. Auxiliaries were asked to give their full support to the plans to promote teen-age work in the fall of 1954, and, in preparation for this work, to find, where necessary, -a new leader or leaders for existing or new C.G.I.T. groups.

DISCUSSION

— THE METHOD OF SETTING UP DISCUSSION GROUPS

by MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A.

Executive Director of Organization

MISS WEBSTER

Have you given serious thought to the use of discussion – in your Auxiliary, Presbyterial or Synodical meetings? The Organization and Publications Departments led the way at the Council Meeting this year by having a total of ten discussion groups. Judging from the comments of the delegates, the plan was a success, which should be repeated in other meetings. Thus, we shall share with you the procedure followed so that, when you plan your meetings, you will have the benefit of our experience. Presbyterials and Synodicals would need to follow much the same procedure. Auxiliaries would be able to eliminate a few of the steps.

1. The Discussion Method

We decided to use the discussion methods. We felt that we needed the thinking and advice of all the members present – not just that of the more talkative members but of all. So, we decided to discuss in small groups (not more than 15) so that everyone would feel free to contribute ideas. This meant, of course, that we needed to provide opportunity for reporting from the smaller groups and for general discussion on each subject.

2. Choice of Topics

We decided on the topics for discussion – some major general issues that needed careful thought, and some specific questions related to the various departments of the work.

To help us in the choice of topics, we wrote quite early to the

Synodicals, asking for lists of questions which they felt should be discussed at Council.

3. Timing

It was decided to give as long a time as possible to discussion in the small groups. Thus, from an hour to one and one-half hours was set aside for small group discussion. Later, ten to fifteen minutes would be allowed to each group for the presentation of its report to the total delegation and general discussion of the report and any action required.

4. Choice of Discussion Group Leadership Teams

Each group, it was decided, would require a Chairman (or discussion leader), a Recorder and Resource Leader. It was agreed that the Chairman and Recorder should be chosen from the delegates from Synodicals and that the resource Leaders should be members of Council Executive or Staff who had specialized information of help to the group. (It is interesting to note that in this way, 22 delegates from Synodicals, 5 members of Council Executive and 5 staff members were used on the leadership teams).

5. Information to Delegates

To give delegates an opportunity to give some thought to questions to be discussed, a letter was sent to them before the meeting, outlining briefly some of the discussion questions.

6. Check-list for Delegates

To allow delegates to indicate their preferences regarding the discussion groups in which they wished to share, they were sent a check list to indicate their first, second and third choices. When these were returned, delegates were assigned to groups. Wherever possible, they were assigned to chosen groups. In a few instances, to insure representation from each Synodical in each groups, delegates willingly moved to other groups.

7. Help for Discussion Group Leadership Teams

With the letter requesting help from those chosen to share in the leadership of the discussion groups, the following helps were sent:

- A programme outline (showing timing for discussion and reporting periods)
- A list of others on the Leadership Team (and their addresses)
- Tips to Leadership Team members (the Chairman, Recorder, and Resource Leaders)
- A form for recording the discussion
- The questions for discussion in the groups
- Any resource material that would be helpful.

8. Meeting of Discussion Group Leadership Teams

Previous to the first session of the Council Meeting, a short briefing session was held for all members of Leadership Teams. At this there was a brief review of procedure and an opportunity to clear up any questions. Then each Leadership Team went off together to make final plans for the group.

9. Preparation of Delegates

Prior to the first discussion groups, a brief statement was made outlining the plans for discussion and urging each delegate to participate.

10. Evaluation

In evaluating the method, such points as the following were raised – every delegate shared in the discussion; decisions reached were better understood by all; a large number of people shared responsibility for the success of the meeting; informal discussion in the small groups early in the meeting led to greater participation in the debates during the meeting as a whole.

We feel that discussion groups can be a success. We hope that you will have the same experience.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY U.C.
TORONTO

From the left—Miss Judd, Miss Preisler, Mrs. H. S. Reid, Miss Matthews.

At the very close of the meeting, Miss Muriel Judd and Miss Dorothy Preisler, who are to serve on the vans in Alberta, arrived at the Church with the newest W.M.S. van. Mrs. Harry Reid, Chairman of The National Committee, and Miss Freida Matthews, Executive Director, proudly view their newest acquisition.

Sharing in Canadian Missions

A Summary of National Night At Council

The story of The Presbyterian Church in Canada at work *in* Canada ranged from coast to coast and from the southern boundaries of the vast Dominion to the Arctic region . . . as it was told to the Council Meeting in Winnipeg. In a most picturesque and telling presentation of National Missions, Mrs. H. S. Reid and Miss Frieda Matthews, Chairman and Secretary of the National Committee led a panel of speakers into many phases of work at home. The effect was not only to tell of the wide range of work in which we have a share, but to challenge us to greater endeavour in order that the Church may keep pace with expansion of our country.

MRS. H. S. REID

Through the pages of The Glad Tidings, in the months to come, the National and Editorial Committees hope to show much of what was presented at Council in detail. Space allows us only mention of each phase now.

The story began with the people who are coming to Canada to establish new homes and live in this country. Dr. J. A. Munro, Home Mission Secretary, General Board of Missions, said that there were approximately one hundred and twenty-five thousand immigrants, "the size of one large city" coming to Canada each year. "Either we gain New Canadians for the Church as stalwart Christian leaders for Canada, or we face an uncertain future," he said.

One of the principal jobs being

done professionally for New Canadians by the Presbyterian Church is being done by the workers at the Port. Mrs. H. S. Reid told how Miss Blackwell welcomes the newcomers and by various services makes them realize the Presbyterian Church exists and is interested in them. From the immigration office in Montreal there goes forth the names of these newcomers to the communities in which they hope to make their homes. Thus much of the work of helping them depends upon you and me as members of the Church.

Reverend G. D. Johnston told the meeting of the areas from which the New Canadians come. These countries are principally the British Isles and North and Western Europe. Contacts are made by the Church in these countries and from there some names of people who belong to the Presbyterian Church are sent to immigration officials here. The W.M.S. aids in providing literature in several languages which is distributed to newcomers as a gesture of welcome and an introduction to The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

MISS FLORENCE GOERTZEN

Mr. Johnston went on to speak of the advance of the work among the Hungarians, Ukranians and Dutch who settled in areas in Hamilton and London Synod and who are establishing their Churches and are increasing their support of their ministry. In the West centres such as Bekevar, Yorkton, Lethbridge, Edmonton and Abbotsford are important to us because of the Christian communities established by the aforementioned nationalities.

Reverend Professor Alan Farris told the group about his trip a year ago to new industrial centres in British Columbia. In such growing centres as Kitimat, Trail, Prince George, he sees a tremendous opportunity for the Presbyterian Church to serve. In these centres, ministers are being sent in, thus the Church is working side by side with the development of Canada—giving to its people the most precious commodity and the only message which can make Canada's great prosperity and its glorious future meaningful. The W.M.S. serves the more isolated areas in the great expanding areas by its Van work.

Mr. Farris, speaking of these new centres, pointed up the need that exists in already established centres where the population is growing as industry develops. Miss Florence Goertzen, deaconess in Calgary, told of her work conducting surveys and opening new work in two western Canadian cities. She spoke particularly of the need for survey work to be followed up. This would seem to be a task in which lay members could help immeasurably.

Still speaking of missions in urban centres in City missions—Mrs. G. W. Bradley, in speaking of her mission of working in the hospitals, said how much it meant to those who were sick to know that the Church cares about them and seeks to help them. The W.M.S. has hospital visitors in five centres in Canada.

The National Missions scene moved, at this point, to the Chinese in Canada. Dr. Munro spoke of the difference which now exists in Chinese work. Those coming to Canada since the change of immigration laws are people who have a greater cultural background than those who came a generation ago. The progress being made at the four Chinese centres is one of the brightest parts of our work in Canada. More and more the Chinese people are becoming a part of Canadian communities. They are taking their places as Canadian citizens, seeking to help build a Christian nation.

If there was a scene-stealer at this programme, it was undoubtedly Andrew Williams, a fourteen-year-old student from the Cecelia Jeffery Indian School at Kenora. Andrew came, fresh from conquest in a public speaking contest, to give his speech —a story of the origin of the Canadian Indian, to the members of Council. Andrew represented his school well, and as the two Indian school principals, Mr. N. N. Rusaw of Birtle and Mr. Eric Barrington of Kenora spoke of the growing desire of the Indian people for education, the observer there could quite believe that, given half a chance, the Indian young people will become, as Andrew indicated, an important part of our Canadian citizenship.

MRS. G. W. BRADLEY

From immigration to the work among the Indians—from the newest citizen to the oldest—The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Home Missions, is seeking to serve at the command of Jesus Christ, in order that all may be taught the story of Salvation through His love.

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

A Summary of Overseas Night at Council

Mrs. A. W. Pae, Chairman of the Overseas Committee was in the chair on Overseas night at the Council meeting. It was a session at which the delegates and visitors were invited to see how the Church overseas is slowly but surely growing—looking to a future when Christ's Church will be the guiding light for all nations. Formosa and India were the focal points upon which the Society's programme for Overseas Missions was viewed by Council delegates and visitors.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Executive Director of Overseas Missions in introducing the evening's programme said it was the aim of the Overseas Committee to show the work of our missionaries each doing her own work, by having Miss Hildur Hermanson and Miss Margaret Kennedy describe their tasks and show how their work fitted into the work of missions as a whole. Miss Carol Chiam, who has just completed her second year at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, told the gathering of her hopes for her future in Formosa and for the future of her Island people. (Her entire speech is printed in this section).

MRS. A. W. PAE

Miss Hermanson, in stressing the need for leadership training in Formosa told how people young and old flocked to the churches in the plains when she went out visiting to give a series of health talks. Her carefully laid plans were immediately forsaken for she saw that not only was leadership in health education needed but she must help with leadership in Sunday School, Young People's work, Children's work.

The effect of her initial trial at such leadership classes makes Miss Hermanson realize how great is the need for leadership training in every area of life in Formosa. The Church by helping the people protect their bodies both through prevention of disease and by proper dietary habits, by teaching them to read, by exploring methods by which children and young people may effectively learn the Christian way, by showing them how the science of agriculture can improve their living standard, will give to the Church in Formosa a great strength, and help in making its witness effective.

Miss Kennedy's work in India, among the Bhil people, is educational and evangelistic. She showed how, from early childhood through elementary and now more and more in secondary education, the Bhil people are being trained to take their places in the Church and in professional life. "The shell of the training which the Bhil people are receiving today will be the framework of the Bhil Church of tomorrow," Miss Kennedy stated. The young men and women coming up through the schools under the direction of Miss Sherrick and Miss Scott are taking their places already as workers in the hospitals, with the medical vans, in the schools and in the churches. Some of the women work with her as associates as she moves farther and farther into the Bhil country, teaching women to read, how to improve standards of living and most of all, telling the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The plea of the missionary to her audience was for more material assistance in her missionary task, but much more important was her appeal that people in Canada teach the people in

—Palmer

MISS MARGARET KENNEDY

—Palmer

MISS HILDUR HERMANSON, R.N.

India by example, how to understand the power of the Holy Spirit.

Miss Hermanson introduced Miss Carol Chiam:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my privilege and pleasure to be in Winnipeg this summer, that I have opportunity to attend the Council and also to meet some of the women who make my training and living possible in Canada.

I bring greetings and deep thanks from Formosa on behalf of your young Church, (because we call you Mother Church), for your Christian love, for your prayer, offering and missionaries. I personally am most grateful to all of you. Because your missionaries spread the Gospel in Formosa I was born in a manse the third generation of Christians of a Christian family. I went to the Mission Girls' High School in Tamsui, which has been supported by the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada since 1902. There I was given more Christian instruction and fellowship along with my academic study. Then the greatest opportunity which all the girls dreamed of and never came true, was given to me. To come over to Canada to be trained in The Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in order to go back to help my people to know the God of love, to help answer the needs of the Formosan Church, also to undertake the work which my father left me to do.

Winnipeg Free Press

MISS CAROL CHIAM

When I was introduced to many ladies whom I met these few days at the Council and at different Churches in Winnipeg, they said "I knew you for a long time through The Glad Tidings". Yes, I have been in Canada for two and a half years now, and I have finished my second year training in Toronto. I am working in Winnipeg this summer under the guidance and leadership of Miss Margaret MacNaughton your Regional Secretary for the Synodical of Manitoba, learning something of Regional Work, which I suppose I will be doing in Formosa. Then I shall go back to Toronto in the fall for my last year of training and in the spring I hope I pass in my final exams so I will graduate from the Training School. Soon after the graduation, even though I personally would feel sorry to leave my good friends in Canada, but I shall go back to my beloved, beautiful Island and people to serve our God by spreading the glad tidings of the Kingdom to the people who are still in the darkness and to help our younger generation in Christian education.

I hope you all realize though I have been in the training school that I am still young without experience. Although we have two ordained women ministers and many girls attending both north and south theological colleges, yet I will be the first trained national Deaconess. This is a great task for me and there is so much to be done, but I believe by the love and help of Almighty God I will be able to do what He wills me to do. I pray for your spiritual aid through your prayer as well as your material aid. This feeling of great support in Canada will strengthen me most when I face challenges and discouragement.

May I add some requests on behalf of the Christians in Formosa? I hope you will bring some more young people, especially girls, to be trained in Canada, to go back to be leaders in our Church. Because through my experience at this Council I realize that seeing is a hundred times better than hearing or reading. Fortunately I was with the missionaries a lot of the time in Formosa, so I knew a little bit of the Christian life in Canada, but most of our young people have the wrong conception of the western life. They are influenced by the movies and magazines which I realize is far different from the real life of Canadian people. Through the experience in Canada they may go back to make the Church better in government and in Christian education. Also that we may be more active, responsible and independent as members of the World Council of Churches.

I wonder if you realize that Formosa is only 130 miles away from the Chinese mainland. It only takes over night to come across by boat, so the people are afraid that the communists may attack Formosa anytime. Yes, we all believe that God will lead us, protect us in any situation, if we are willing to commit all of our problems of life to Him. Although we have to face persecution and trials in order to be strengthened in our faith we must carry on. The soul and the faith are strong but the body is weak, we know we have to have faith but yet we are surrounded by the insecure feeling and utmost fear on the frontier of the world situation. They hope their mother Church in Canada and their Christian sisters and brethren all over the world will pray for them daily that they may be able to carry on the challenges.

Let us pray for all the Christian sisters and brethren all over the world, that they may be able to face the trials in order to bring the kingdom of God to their non-Christian neighbours, because we are all members of this great family of God.

Thus we saw the Church of tomorrow in Formosa and India through the eyes of mission workers of today. But the picture was not yet complete. Much as there is yet to do in the areas overseas where we now work, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, true to its heritage, is yet pushing onward to more service. Reverend G. J. Johnston, chairman of the General Board of Missions described a plan by which the Canadian Presbyterian Church would be able to help the Mother Church, the Church of Scotland in its mission work in Nigeria. The plan by which we would assist in evangelical work in one of the Nigeria provinces was sponsored by the Board of Missions. It awaited only the approval of the General Assembly (that approval was given at the meeting in June).

It was a picture of progress in overseas missions which we saw at Council. But it was one which needs more support of the people of Canada. Support is needed in understanding of the work overseas, and in material gifts. Miss Kennedy said in her speech that one of the dangers they faced was that in wrestling with the problem of outward means of success in mission work, they were tempted to lose sight of the real goal of their work. The same danger faces us as partners in the mission enterprise. We must struggle constantly to keep before us always, the goal toward which we work under Christ's command, of taking His Gospel to all the world.

REVEREND G. D. JOHNSTON

Chairman, General Board of Missions, Presented a new Mission project.

Among the first and greatest conditions of good work are these:

A high standard of accuracy,

A chivalrous loyalty to exact truth,

Generosity to fellow workers,

Indifference to personal results,

Distrust of all that is showy,

Self-discipline and undiscouraged patience through all difficulties.

—Bishop Francis Paget.

Organization Staff News

Miss Georgina Bone, B.Ed., was appointed Presbyterian Regional Secretary recently. At the first of September she will serve as Regional Secretary in the Synod and Synodical of Saskatchewan.

Miss Bone, a native of Saskatchewan, received her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan, and taught High School in that Province for two years. She graduated from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in Toronto in April.

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Miss Leone Su, of Formosa, who has completed her first year at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Toronto, is spending July and August giving leadership at camps for girls and young people. She will work chiefly in Alberta and British Columbia, ending the summer with two camps at Kintail in Ontario.

Miss Carol Chiam, of Formosa, who will be entering her final year at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in the autumn, is serving this summer as assistant to the Presbyterian Regional Secretary in Manitoba, Miss Margaret MacNaughton. In this way, Miss Chiam, as well as assisting with the work in Manitoba, will gather experience of value to her on her return to Formosa.

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Two temporary appointments as Presbyterian Regional Secretaries were made for the summer months this year. Miss Norma Kennedy, of Guelph, Ontario, a senior student at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, is serving in the Province of Alberta; and Miss Jean Black, B.A., of Nashville, Ontario, is working in Saskatchewan.

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A Tribute to a Distinguished Missionary

The Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Formosa records its tribute to the late Dr. Gushue-Taylor

The Canadian Presbyterian Mission desires to put on record an expression of heart felt sympathy to the members of the family of our beloved and esteemed colleague, the late Doctor Gushue-Taylor, and to his friends in many lands who mourn his passing.

Gushue-Taylor came with his wife to Formosa in 1911. He was a member of the English Presbyterian Mission from 1911 till 1918, and later of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, 1923 till 1940, and then 1952 till 1954. He was held in high esteem by all.

As superintendent of the Tainan Hospital and later of the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipei, he made an honoured place for himself among Formosan colleagues and among numbers of people in all walks of life. Many sick ones from all parts of the island sought him out for his skilled surgical hands and his loving care. During the 1930's he founded the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony and rendered distinguished service in the interests of leprosy sufferers here and elsewhere. Among the many who mourn his loss, none will miss him more than those who came to know him through receiving treatment for this disease.

While mourning his passing, however, all unite in giving thanks for this life of unselfish service. Through his labour of love for unfortunate people, the command of the Master to "heal the sick and cleanse the lepers," Matthew 10:8, which he so often quoted, becomes for all a challenging responsibility to follow his example. At the Government Leprosarium, chiefly through his energy and faith, a Church was built recently. There, in the corner stone, other words he often used are deeply chiselled. These are written in five Chinese characters; in English, "TO THE GLORY OF GOD." Gushue-Taylor will be remembered in Formosa as one whose life was lived to give God glory.

Margery Gushue-Taylor, his beloved wife, who departed this life in Canada last September 2, will be, like her husband, also long remembered here. She was truly a help meet for him in all his great work.

—Hugh MacMillan.

Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Prepare for the study in INDIA—Read—THE CHURCH IN INDIA—A Canadian Viewpoint, by R. M. Bennett.

As a background for the study on India which will begin for many groups in the autumn we suggest that members of auxiliaries and leaders of the younger groups read the book THE CHURCH IN INDIA, A Canadian Viewpoint, by R. M. Bennett, which is available now.

This book has been written by Mr. R. M. Bennett, a missionary of the Canadian Baptist Church in India, upon the request of the Inter-Church Committee on Missionary Education, in order that the story of the Church in India written from a Canadian viewpoint might be available for Canadians.

THE CHURCH IN INDIA begins with a brief sketch of the situation in the new India and the Christian contributions to that situation as shown in social reform, education and medicine. Following on that the various religions which "struggle for men's minds" are outlined. A brief statement is given concerning the beginnings of the mission work in India of the Church of England in Canada, the Canadian Baptist, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the United Church of Canada — in the front of the book are small outline maps showing the locations of the fields of these denominations. The growth of the Indian Church is shown and how the various branches of that Church are coming together to form the Christian Church in India.

The work which is done cooperatively by the Churches, such as Vellore Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, and other cooperative educational institutions, is described. An interesting chapter tells what is required of the missionary in India today and his relationship to the Indian Church. What is the future of missions in India? is a question which is often asked. Mr. Bennett gives the policy of the Indian government to new missionaries at the present time and attempt to predict the place of missions in the future.

The assistance given by Canada to India through participation in the Colombo Plan of the British Commonwealth, is shown, — thus we have within one book the contribution which Canadians have made to both the spiritual and material life of India.

It will be of great benefit to have read THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIA as preparation for the 1954-55 study as it will enable members to share more intelligently in discussions at the meetings and to know where information can be found. Leaders will feel a greater security if they approach their groups with a knowledge of the information it contains. As the introduction to the book states, the thought to be followed throughout the reading of it is:—

> "As a Christian Church we believe that we have the message that sets men free and meets their most vital desires. As Canadians, we have great reserves of good-will abroad. At home we have prosperity and plenty. As Christians we cannot reconcile the awful gap between our prosperity and the poverty of underprivileged lands. The purpose for which God created His Church is that it might be a witness to Him. All else is incidental. We thrive as a Christian people in direct proportion as we share in the extension of Christ's Kingdom and as we put to use our talent and our blessing. Privilege implies responsibility, prosperity, stewardship."

An Indian Poet's Prayer for His Country

(*Written many years ago by Rabindranath Tagore*)

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and action; —

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

A Look at Ourselves

— A Report of Discussion of Adult Work at Council

The discussion group at the Council Meeting in Winnipeg that discussed Adult Work had as its first question "How to increase membership". There were other questions closely related to it — "How to improve programmes in adult groups", "How to interest more of the younger women", "How to cooperate with other women's organizations to spread missionary interest", "How to broaden the interest of young women to include a world-wide mission". The groups never got beyond this first question and those related to it, though there were other questions of importance, too. But it seems significant that the great concern of those discussing Adult Work was the whole question of extending our Society and its work.

"Let's look at ourselves"

If we are to increase membership — to gain the interest and assistance of more women in the great missionary cause of which we are a part — we must first look at ourselves, the group decided. No Auxiliary, no member, can hope to attract others without manifesting a warm, friendly Christian spirit. Personal interest comes first.

Nor can an Auxiliary gain and keep new members without an interested and constructive programme of worship, study and action. Too many Auxiliaries have, for too long, been content with the traditional type of missionary meeting — consisting chiefly of a missionary speaker or "paper". Authorities in education now report to us that this type of purely listening programme is not only less interesting but that people actually learn less from it. More interest and knowledge are gained by more people when there is opportunity for more to share in the preparation and presentation of the programme and opportunity for intelligent discussion of the information presented. This means that many Auxiliaries will need to examine and probably revise their procedures if they are to attract more and younger members, and if they are to provide the maximum amount of information to present members.

Present mission study materials are being prepared with these factors in mind. They should be used with thoughtful adaption to the interest and needs of the members of each individual Auxiliary.

Gaining the interest of others

Auxiliaries should be alert, the group felt, to opportunities for interesting others in missionary work. An occasional gathering for all the women of a congregation might provide an opportunity to present some aspects of our missionary work.

Another group at Council, dealing with the question of coordination of Adult Work in the Society, recognized the fact that women should be interested in all phases of the Church's work — both local and distant — and recommended that Council ask local Auxiliaries throughout the Church to work towards a closer coordination with all women's organizations in the congregation.

Still another group, discussing the most effective use of missionaries doing deputation work, felt that a great many people, even church members, never hear our missionaries or have opportunity to talk with them. This group recommended that, when outstanding missionary speakers are available, they speak not just to W.M.S. members but to large representative groups of women in the whole congregation or area.

The wisdom of changing the name of Home Helpers to "Associate Members" was discussed, with the idea that a number of young business women who are not able to attend Auxiliary meetings might prefer the name "Associate Member" and might link themselves up with W.M.S. work. The group discussing this question felt that, though the suggestion had some merit, it would be wiser not to make any such change at the present time.

"The World for Christ"

The whole tone of much of the discussion related to Adult Work at the Council Meeting was that the old phrase which has been heard so often "We've always done it this way" is no longer good enough for our missionary work. Not that the group wanted change for the sake of change — far from it. The realization that we must be ready to initiate some changes came from a sincere conviction on the part of many present that, if we are to make our best contribution to the tremendous task of the Christian Church in this day of world crisis, we must be ready to use the best methods available, so that the greatest number of people may have their interest and enthusiasm challenged in such a way that they will add their best efforts to the cause of winning the world for Christ.

Camping in India means something quite different from camping in Canada. Read what you would be doing if Miss Kennedy suddenly announced to you

We Go To Camp

by MARGARET KENNEDY

"HURRY up, Priti," Miriam called out, "we've got to go over to Weli bai's house to grind the corn."

"I'm coming, I'm just helping Lila to clean the rice," was the reply.

Priti helped to lift the kerosene tin full of corn on to Miriam's head then off they went. It would take them two hours to grind all that corn on the hand mill as there had to be enough for six people, two meals a day for a week.

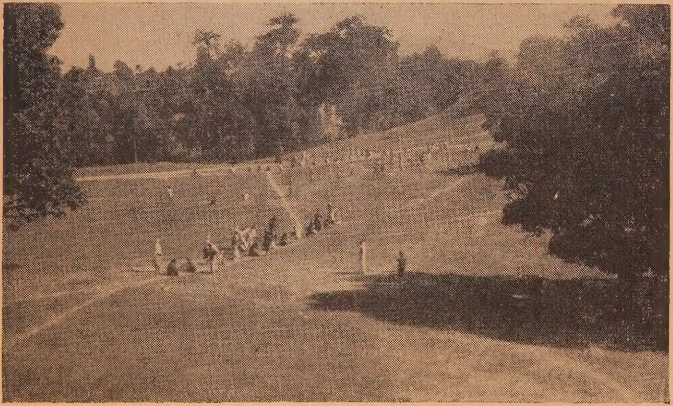
Everyone was as busy as a bee in the girls' residence in Jobat, Central India, because the cool season had arrived, the time for going out to camp in the villages, and early tomorrow morning was the time set for departure. The tents, the rope beds, the box of books, the cotton mats for spreading on the ground for sitting purposes, were all up on the missionary's bungalow verandah, ready to be put on the oxcart at daybreak. The two graduate Bible women and the four girl students were responsible for seeing that their own food, bedding and the teaching materials that they themselves would use, were all made ready.

The senior Bible woman, Kegli bai, came out of her room and along the verandah of the residence to see how the girls were getting on. Nandi and Lila were now filling little bags with different kinds of spices which they would need for all their curried vegetables, lentils and eggs. The salt, the sugar, the tea were put into tins; the lantern glass was cleaned and another tin filled with kerosene.

"You are sure you have enough of everything?" asked Kegli bai, "I have been to Kheri before and I remember there is no weekly market there. The market is at Jhari, 5 miles away, so we will not be able to go too often to get supplies.

Everything was ready for the early start next day. The girls were up at 4 a.m. to cook that day's food so that they could take it with them in their brass containers. Kegli went up to the bungalow at 7 a.m. to tell the missionary that they were ready to start and there she saw that the cart men had arrived with the oxen and were loading the tent equipment. The evangelist, his young wife and little boy were also on hand ready, and it was arranged that one of the smaller tents would be placed on top of the other things on the cart so that the mother and child could sit and ride out to the village 6 miles away. It would take the oxen 3 hours to go, so the rest of the party did not need to hurry, they were able to have their morning prayer together then saw that everything in the now empty residence was carefully locked up.

It is lovely to set out over the fields, following the narrow footpath, wading the river, in the early morning sunlight. After several weeks of study, now these Bhil girls were going to have the opportunity of living in a tent amid the familiar fields and small mud houses of their own people. They would visit all the homes in each village, get to know the women and the children and would sing and teach many



It is lovely to see out over the fields.

Bhili hymns. The tunes will be familiar to the village people but new words have been set to those tunes, words which tell of a God and of a Spirit much greater than the spirits they know. Soon the little children will be singing about "Yisu" who can take care of them so that they need not fear the spirits. They will be amazed at seeing stories through the medium of flannel-graph and they will love looking through the View-master. The children tag along with their parents when they come to the night meetings too and often if their little bare foot steps on a thorn along the dark path, they will bear the pain rather than get left behind, until they came to the camp when mother will dig the thorn out with her safety pin.

Everyone has arrived, the tents are up, the tins of food balanced up on stones to discourage attacks of the ants a little bit, and now a small fire has been started in a horseshoe of stones. The oxcart men too are glad to have a glass of tea with milk and sugar boiled well into it before they collect their money and leave. There is a happy smile on everyone's face for now the time of camping has arrived, the opportunity of witnessing to people, treating their ills, teaching them many things, out in the villages, in their own surroundings — what happier time could there be!

The tents are up — the time of company has arrived

ANSWERS

by BERYL MILLAR

Miss Millar is a deaconess who worked among Indian people last summer, as a student. This year she is going back to work with them as a full-time job.

WILL you come along with me and make friends of these boys and girls with the beautiful smiles over here? They are eager to know you and have you as a friend. And do you know that they want you to be a real friend for all time?

See these boys and girls all have dark hair and eyes that are shining. They have a good tan too, haven't they? I wonder how they have such a tan when they live in the same country as we do. That's right, Mary, God gave them more colour than we pale people.

Before we say "Hello" would you like to know who they are? Many years ago when the first explorers came to Canada, they thought they had found India and so they called the people they discovered in the Country, Indians. Now you know these are our Canadian (North American) Indians. Yes, just imagine, their grandparents were here long before ours ever thought of leaving Europe to come to a new land. Think of the wonderful stories there are of how they lived in the long ago and the songs they used to sing. Wouldn't you be proud to be a native of this country. I surely would and they are.

Where do these boys and girls live? Well some of you live in a city, Mary lives in a town, Sally lives in a village and these boys and girls live on what are called reserves. A "Reserve" is a little village just for the Indian people. There are many of these across Canada just as there are many villages.

Let us join these children now and play a game. Of course you can talk with them. They are smart children, they speak both English and Indian. Oh, they are playing hide-and-go-seek, just the way we do! Some of the little ones are playing "Doggie, Doggie, where is the bone". How do they say that in Indian — they say, "Animush, Animush, when-en e-at-o-kun". Try it. Maybe some day you will learn to speak Indian.

Where did these boys and girls learn to speak English? Some of them learned at home because many of their mothers and fathers had gone to school and learned it there. The older boys and girls go to school themselves. On some Reserves there are Day Schools just like ours and the boys and girls like this because they can be at home with their family at night. Often though it means they have to walk a long way. Where there is no Day School the children go to a Residential School. That means that in the Fall they go to the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Kenora, Ontario, or to the School at Birtle, Manitoba with lots of other boys and girls — yes, one hundred and fifty others. Wouldn't that be fun? There the boys and girls are from the time they are seven years old until they are eighteen, taking grades one to twelve in school. Do they like it there? Maybe they are lonely but one soon learns to find one's way around and makes friends. For the older boys there are tasks to be done on the farm in connection with the school and the girls help with the food, laundry, sewing, etc. You see they not only learn from books but how to do things in a home and especially how to live happily together. The younger boys and girls have their own tasks to do and then there is time for play either in the play room or out of doors, before studying tomorrow's lessons.

In the Kitchen at Birtle

"They learn to live honestly together"

Bedtime comes early and in each dormitory (that is the big room where they sleep) the girls in theirs and the boys in theirs, kneel to thank God for His love and care.

How do they know He loves and cares for them? Why just like you do. Their parents, teachers, and Church School teachers tell them. Every Sunday morning they gather in the Assembly Hall of the School to worship God and learn more about Jesus the Friend of all children. What about back home, are there Church Schools there? Yes, on some Reserves there are, but on many there is no church or Church School, nor any missionary to tell them of Jesus. Wouldn't you feel badly if you could not go to Church School? Well they do too. Many of these boys and girls would just love to have someone tell them of Jesus and to teach them hymns about Him. Let us stop right now and ask God to send missionaries to these boys and girls that they may know His as their friend.

The boys work on the farm

Don't you think they are wonderful friends to know? I do too and I can hardly wait to get back to be with them every day.

Indian Girls learn to sew.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — At a pre-Christmas Thank-Offering meeting of the Evening Group of St. Andrews, **Kimberley,** a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Armour of Chapman Camp. The Certicate was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. Knox of Moose Creek, Ontario, formerly of Kimberley. This is the first time in the history of St. Andrews congregation that a Life Membership Certificate has been presented.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Trail,** held a very interesting Easter Thank-Offering meeting. Mrs. W. C. Ashton, guest speaker, stressed the influence of family worship on home life, community and national life. A detailed report of the synodical meeting was given by Mrs. D. Downie.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The spring rally for Mission bands and Explorer groups of Westminster Presbyterial was held at Central Church on a Saturday afternoon. Mrs. F. Metzger gave a very interesting story using the flannelgraph. There were 173 children and 43 adults present. Miss Grace Mackay presented the Explorer banner to St. Paul's group. The Mission Band banner was presented jointly to the Chinese and Fairview bands by Mrs. B. J. Wallis, Children's Secretary. Mrs. E. Fox was on hand to present Seals and Certificates to the Vancouver Heights Mission Band.

Miss Ellen Douglas, Hospital Visitor, was the speaker at the Easter Thank-Offering meeting of Fairview Senior Auxiliary, **Vancouver.** She gave a most interesting and informative address regarding her work.

St. Aidan's Auxiliary, **New Westminster,** held their annual Easter Thank-Offering on April 13th with Mrs. W. H. Magee, President in the chair; devotions were conducted by Reverend M. S. Blackburn, Minister of the Church. Reverend H. Green of White Rock, guest speaker, gave an interesting illustrated talk on the Indians at Birtle, Manitoba.

West Vancouver Women's group held an Easter Thank-Offering Meeting, Mrs. J. A. Davidson presiding. The Easter program from the **Glad Tidings** was used with Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Rattray taking part. Miss Ellen Douglas, Hospital Visitor, was the guest speaker and gave a fine account of her work, showing the need for such service to brighten the day for sick and shut-ins and bringing to them the Gospel message. Mrs. B. J. Wallis, W.A. president, introduced Mrs. Harkley who gave a short talk on the need of blood donors for Red Cross work.

At the Easter Thank-offering service of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** a large number of members and friends gathered to hear Reverend F. W. Metzger speak of the Hungarian Church in Europe. He pointed out the wonderful growth of Christian love uniting all denominations together during the war. Mrs. F. W. Metzger then told of coming to Vancouver last September and of their work since, followed by some lantern slides of Hungary.

ALBERTA

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MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Gillespie of Toronto, for many years hospital visitor for the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society in Toronto, recently addressed the Senior W.M.S. of St. John's Church, **Medicine Hat** at its' regular meeting. The members were impressed with the importance of this branch of the work, and it's help and value to the sick and helpless, many far from home and friends. Mrs. Gillespie, has been matron for the winter months at the Presbyterian training School in Medicine Hat.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL — The theme of the 40th Annual Meeting of **Moose Jaw** Presbyterial when it convened in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, was "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God". Delegates were present from all parts of the Presbyterial. Reverend R. B. Herrod brought greetings from Presbytery and Miss J. E. Walls, Synodical President, was present with help and counsel as the year's work was reviewed. Miss Walls emphasized the necessity of keeping the work of the Presbyterian Church before the public and urged delegates to see that Auxiliary meetings were reported in the local Press. She deplored the lack of leaders in all branches of W.M.S. work and expressed her personal belief in the growing movement to consolidate the women's activities in Women's Federations. The appointment of Mrs. Santfleben of Assiniboia as Presbyterian delegate to the Council Meetings was confirmed. A short memorial service was dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Glen of Briercrest. An increased allocation was accepted by the meeting for 1954 and it was decided that a re-allocation be made within the Presbyterial so that it be shared proportionately by Affiliated Societies as well as by Auxiliaries. Mr. D. Neil of **Assiniboia** was guest speaker, climaxing the theme of the meeting.

The Easter thanksgiving service of the joint W.M.S. groups of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, **Assiniboia,** was held on the evening of April 23rd at the home of Mrs. G. MacDonald. Miss Ina Watson, President of the Ruby Walker Auxiliary, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Santfleben reported on the W.M.S. Presbyterial to which she had been delegate.

Reverend D. G. Neil spoke on Job 14:14 "If a man die shall he live again" and the answer in John 14:19 "because I live Ye shall live also."

The Ruby Walker Auxiliary presented an Easter Pageant "Through Darkness to Light" at the Easter Sunday service. They were assisted by the Choir and the Young People's Society.

Knox Church Women's Federation, **Weyburn,** had a showing of the film "A People Without Fear" as the special feature of their Easter Thankoffering Meeting.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — The joint Thankoffering meeting held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Prince Albert,** was well represented by the three auxiliaries: Lucy Baker, Christena Mills and James Nisbet. Miss Marion Stewart conducted the meeting. A pageant "The Old Rugged Cross" put on by the Daughters of the Kirk was much appreciated. A film "A People Without Fear" helped to give a better understanding of the work missionaries are doing in far off lands. Reverend Mr. Caslor gave an address on "What is the theme of Easter?"

The James Nisbet Auxiliary report that, at a recent meeting, they had the privilege of having Mrs. Peninga, a new arrival from Holland, speak to them. She said that the missionary groups in Holland are much the same as here, meeting twice a month. The men there hold missionary meetings too.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — A special Easter thank-offering service of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Yorkton** was held in the Church. The largest attendance of members and friends to have attended a W.M.S. meeting were on hand.

The highlight of the evening was a pageant entitled "The Challenge of the Cross". An illuminated cross at the rear of the platform made an appropriate setting for the pageant. Strains of quiet music ushered in the Evangel and six disciples robed in white, who took their places on the platform and portrayed the meaning of "acceptance, discipleship, self-denial, reward". As a fitting close the group joined in singing "Jesus. I My Cross Have Taken".

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL — "Family Night" of Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** was observed on the evening of April 13th. Mrs. D. A. Yoos presided. Mrs. J. Hills spoke on the young folk who are preparing to go into full-time missionary work, and Miss Flora Whiteford told of work being done in Canada among the Indians. She also read a letter from Miss Watson of Montreal telling about Tyndale House. An interesting feature of the evening was a display of work done in the various countries in which we have missionary interests. Brief talks were given on the work of each country.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — A very well attended meeting of the Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Fort William** was held in the Church Hall. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. R. C. Browne.

Excellent reports were given by all secretaries.

Following the business meeting Mrs. W. S. Nairn introducd the guest speaker, Mrs. T. M. Gillespie who gave a very interesting and inspiring address on the life and work of Dr. Schweitzer.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. W. S. Smith presided at the Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary of Calvin Women's Missionary Society.

Greetings from the **Winnipeg** President extended by Mrs. Cormack Smith. Mrs. Cormack Smith gave a short address on the Valuations of the Bible. Reverend J. Dean C. Smith, minister, told the Story of Jhansi in the News, illustrated by beautiful pictures.

Mrs. Douglas Ross, President of Manitoba Synodical, opened her home. The occasion was to honour Mrs. George Williamson and her social committee who had convened the social part of the programme of the Council meetings of the Women's Missionary Society recently held in Winnipeg.

The Thank-offering meeting of **Norwood** Auxiliary was held in the Church. The President, Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau presided. Mrs. McKenzie was guest speaker.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Miss Florence S. Baxter,
Chippawa, Press Secretary.

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — Thirteen Easter Thank-offering meetings were reported, nearly all being held during the month of April and in Church buildings, the Auxiliary President usually in charge. In two places the lady of the Manse presided, Mrs. B. F. Andrew in **Hanover,** and Mrs. W. A. Henderson in **Walkerton.** At **Owen Sound** where the Annual Meeting of the Synodical Society of Hamilton and London was held, Miss Annie Gilchrist, President, was relieved by Miss Mary Leslie.

Interesting addresses were given to these gatherings by speakers from near and far:—In **Allenford,** Reverend S. E. Annis of the Allenford United Church, and formerly of Chentu, Szechwan, China; at **Chesley** and at **Hanover,** Mrs. B. F. Andrew of the Manse at Hanover, and formerly of British Guiana; at **Port Elgin,** Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, formerly Press Secretary of the

Synodical Society of Hamilton and London, speaking on "The Power of Silence"; at **Walkerton,** Mrs. H. Wilson, of the Port Elgin Manse, formerly of the Bhil Mission Field, India; at **Wiarton,** Mrs. Ferguson, Salvation Army Captain, speaking on "The Cup, The Cross, The Crown"; in **Tara,** Reverend D. MacDonald, minister of the Tara and the Allenford churches, and formerly of the Isle of Harris, Scotland, speaking on "Those Who Sleep in Jesus"; at **Chatsworth,** Mrs. T. L. Wynne of the Manse, her theme "Jesus"; at **Lovat,** Mrs. James Hay, speaking on "Missions in British Guiana"; and at **Tiverton,** Mrs. George Morrison of **Kincardine,** speaking on "What Presbyterians Believe."

At **Owen Sound,** instead of an address being given a film "Easter Message", was shown.

At **Chatsworth,** members of the Mission Band gave vocal choruses and duets, and piano solos. At Hanover, Reverend B. F. Andrew and daughters presented a part from "The Crucifixion". At **Walkerton,** five girls of the Mission Band sang. At **Glamis,** Mrs. William Keyes spoke on her recent trip to California, illustrating her talk with pictures and curios.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Easter Thankofferings in Chatham Presbyterial have been very enjoyable occasions and well attended. **Chatham** senior auxiliary heard Mrs. G. Hamil of **Ridgetown,** as did **Wallaceburg** Evening group. The Reverend D. MacInnes, of Ridgetown addressed the **Dresden** group. The Ellen Douglas of Knox Church, **Windsor** had as guests the senior auxiliary and the Scott Young Women's Auxiliary when Miss Charlotte Farris spoke to them on "What Would You do with Jesus?"

Wallaceburg senior had as guest speaker Mrs. J. K. West of **St. Thomas** who chose as her theme "The Message of the Garden". **Riverside** heard Miss Bessie MacMurchy tell of her work as a nurse in India. The Eleanore McKechnie Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's **Windsor,** also were privileged to hear Miss MacMurchy tell of preparing for teaching post-graduate nursing work to Indian nurses. A skit illustrating the need for each small organization and for enthusiastic members was also presented. St. Andrew's Seniors staged a very successful Lilac Tea.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The 75th anniversary of the founding of W.M.S. work in **Caledonia** was celebrated by Salem Cottage Auxiliary with a large assembly of members and friends. Very beautiful old time costumes were worn by some members. Miss Jennie Kinnear, **Cayuga,** was guest speaker and greetings were extended by Her Honour Judge Helen Kinnear, Mrs. D. M. Allan, Presbyterial President and two early members, Mrs. W. A. MacLennan, Toronto, and Mrs. S. W. Mitchener, Caledonia.

Reverend R. W. Gillespie was the speaker at the Easter thank-offering of the Stone Church Evening Auxiliary, **Walpole.**

Many members of the Senior Auxiliary also attended the thank-offering of the Ruby Walker and Margaret Allan Auxiliaries of St. Enoch's **Hamilton,** when Mrs. D. M. Allan spoke on missionary work in India, with coloured pictures of the country and its people.

The C.G.I.T. assisted at the thank-offering of St. David's Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** when the Reverend George Malcolm gave an illustrated talk on the work being done in Formosa.

Dr. Jessie Findlay spoke on the work of the Vellore Hospital in India, illustrating her talk with coloured slides at a joint meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of MacNab Church **Hamilton.** Red seals were presented to Beverley Bolton and Mary Jane Thomson. A life membership for Miss Amelia Turner and an In Memoriam in memory of Mrs. George Wright, were presented.

The C.G.I.T. of New Westminster Church, **Hamilton,** had charge of a real family night, with every department of W.M.S. work represented. The film "Strange Gods of India" was shown and the girls joined in a candle lighting affiliation service.

At Chalmers Senior Auxiliary, Hamilton, the Mission Band sang and the C.G.I.T., some of whom were dressed in native costumes, gave a missionary sketch. The Reverend G. A. Lower gave an illustrated talk on mission work among the Chinese and Indians in Canada.

The Annual Mission band and explorer rally was well attended in New Westminster Church, **Hamilton.** Mission Banders Bill Dickens and Bruce Mitchell conducted the worship service and explorers received the offering. After a sing-song the Reverend George Malcolm showed slides of children of Formosa and asked the group to remember the Formosan children in their prayers. New mission bands present were from the Italian Mission, Hamilton and **West Flamboro.**

The West Flamboro Senior and Evening Auxiliaries entertained the Girl Explorers and their mothers at a Mothers and and Daughter banquet. Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, **Hamilton,** Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, was the speaker.

The Annual Spring Tea and sale of the Senior and Evening Auxiliary of Knox, **Burlington,** was very successful. Each auxiliary had a bake table and the Senior Auxiliary had a fine array of plants for sale too.

Mrs. W. E. McCutcheon, Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary spoke to the Alice McDonald Auxiliary of St. John, **Hamilton,** on the importance of missions and the part they play in the work of the Church.

Members of the four auxiliaries of St. John, Hamilton, took part in the thank-offering which was in charge of the Senior Auxiliary when Mrs. T. G. M. Bryan spoke on The Gifts of Easter.

Guest speakers at recent meetings were Mrs. E. G. Barton who told of Italian Protestant Mission work in Hamilton, to St. Paul's Senior, **Carluke;** Mrs. Major Strickland of the Salvation Army to Knox Senior, Hamilton; Mrs. Donald Mackay of the Friends of Israel, Hamilton, to the Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary, **West Flamboro;** and at New Westminster Senior Auxiliary Hamilton, Mrs. Major Roger Thierstein of the Salvation Army spoke of her recent missionary experiences in Korea.

A Young Women's Auxiliary has been formed at the Italian Presbyterian Mission, Hamilton. The program must be prepared both in Italian and English so that all members can understand what is being said and very few of the girls speak both languages. Several members are recent arrivals from Italy who enjoy the Christian fellowship.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell of **Seaforth,** President of Huron Presbyterial of the W.M.S. was guest speaker at the Easter Thankoffering meeting of the Arnold Circle of **Carmel** Presbyterian Church, **Hensall.** She gave a very inspiring Easter message, stressing the need to follow Christ's command to go into all the world and preach the gospel. If we cannot do this directly she said we must help to send workers to the mission field. The W.M.S. auxiliaries must not forget their obligations. The societies from Caven Presbyterian Church, **Exeter** and the W.M.S. of Carmel Presbyterian Church were guests.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring thank-offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society and the Wilkie Society (Senior Auxiliary and Young Women's Evening Auxiliary respectively) of St. George's Presbyterian Church was held on March 21st and was a Sunday Evening service in the Church, conducted by Reverend J. R. Waldie, with members of both organizations taking part in the service. Members of the C.G.I.T. acted as ushers. Guest speaker was Miss Bessie MacMurchy, home on furlough from the Bhil field in India.

Mrs. Charles A. McCarroll was speaker at the Easter Thank-offering of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, speaking on "The Power of the Risen Saviour" and taking Peter, the disciple, as an example of the change that can be brought about in a life that has been touched by Christ. The President, Mrs. Joseph Edwards conducted the meeting.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — **Wingham:** Mrs. W. H. Fulton of **Brussels,** was special speaker for the Easter Thank-offering meeting at Wingham.

At the May meeting the two leaders decided to try for the first time, the idea of a Panel Discussion. The first part was in the form of a telephone conversation between two members who sat at opposite sides of the room with toy telephones. They discussed the subject, "What is being done for new Canadians in your Community?" It proved most interesting as did also the second part which was a panel discussion on the pros and cons of disbanding an auxiliary. There was a short Scripture reading impressively read before each part and the summary given at the close in a short paper on "Auxiliaries which have been formed to help new Canadians."

The **Langside** Auxiliary held their Easter Thankoffering meeting in the Church. An Easter programme was used and colour films were shown. An In Memoriam Certificate was presented by the Home Helpers in the memory of Grace Richardson.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the **Molesworth** W.M.S. was held in the auditorium of the Church. The guest speaker was Mrs. Baulch of **South Kinloss.** The speaker stressed the importance of love and forgiveness.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — At Easter Season a new Girls' group, known as the Mary Dickson Auxiliary of the **North Pelham** Church, honoring in their name, Mrs. J. M. Dickson, **St. David's,** held an affiliation service. Mrs. R. G. Wilson, **Welland,** Girls' Organizations Secretary for Niagara Presbyterial conducted the affiliation service. Mrs. William Rice spoke on EASTER and commended the girls on their affiliation with the W.M.S.

The Easter Thank-offering service of the E. May Duncanson Auxiliary of The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in St. Andrew's Church, **St.** Catherines, and was attended by members, Home Helpers and parents of the C.G.I.T. Girls whose affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society was a part of the service.

A worship service on the theme of The Resurrection opened the meeting. Mrs. R. G. Wilson, Girls' Work Secretary for Niagara Presbyterial spoke on the outlook for youth in 1954. This was followed by the service of affiliation, in which the C.G.I.T. girls demonstrated their understanding of the scope of the missionary work of the Church and received their badges.

The Women's Missionary Society of First Presbyterian Church, **Port Colborne,** entertained their Home Helpers at a dinner Thursday evening May 6th in McDonald Hall. Miss Jennie Kinnear, Presbyterial President, addressed the ladies.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. of Alexandra Church, **Brantford** held a thank-offering meeting when the C.G.I.T. was affiliated with the W.M. Auxiliary. Mrs. C. Sutherland, Presbyterial Secretary for C.G.I.T. was present.

The St. Paul's Mission Circle of **Simcoe** held their 45th anniversary in April when Miss Clara Hoag was presented with an honorary life membership certificate and pin. Miss Hoag is a charter member of the Circle, having been the first secretary of the organization and has maintained an active interest in its work throughout the years.

A well attended Mission Band Rally was held in **Paris** early in May. The Emily Capron Mission Band of Paris was in charge of devotions and Mrs. Harold Harrison gave an interesting Bible story illustrated with flannelgraph.

The afternoon W.M. Auxiliary of Paris had as their guest speaker in May, Miss Margaret Kennedy who spoke on her work in the Bhil field in India. She showed interesting slides of the work there.

Miss Kennedy also addressed a meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary at St. Paul's Church, **Simcoe**.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — A happy get-together of the full executive of **Sarnia** Presbyterial W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada took the form of a Pot luck supper in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Wyoming,** for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the different secretaries. Mrs. George Dewar, President, introduced all present and opened the business with prayer. Plans were made for the four sectional meetings to be held in May, to be addressed by Miss Anne MacEachern, Regional Secretary of Hamilton and London Synodical. Each departmental Secretary brought any problems of her department and these were discussed and solutions suggested. A similar meeting was planned for late October.

West Adelaide W.M.S. held their Easter Thank-offering meeting April 25th. The Easter Service of Worship in Glad Tidings was followed. Mr. Falconer of South Missouri was guest speaker, speaking on Missions at Home and afield and the great need of doing more collectively and individually.

Pioneer W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Wyoming** held their annual family night in March. The Cuthbertson W.M.S., MacIver Girls' Group and Gleaners Mission Band each took part in the programme. Mrs. P. J. McEwen gave a review of last year's study book.

St. James Presbyterian W.M.S., **Forest,** held their Easter Thank-offering meeting Friday, April 9th. Programme from Glad Tidings Easter Service of Worship was followed and a wonderful Easter message given by Mrs. T. Owen Hughes will long be remembered by all present.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian W.M.S., **Mooretown,** held their Easter Thank-offering at the home of Mrs. R. Alexander, April 15th with a good attendance. The Easter Service of Worship given in Glad Tidings was followed. Miss R. Jarvis of Covenna brought a wonderful Easter message on "The Peace of God".

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GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—**Acton,** Ontario: Representatives of the Senior Organizations of Knox Presbyterian Church; of the Guelph Presbyterial and Synodical Society welcomed Explorers; Daughters of Knox and members of the newly formed Young Women's group into the Church Family at a graduation ceremony in the Scout Hall, **Acton.** Merit badges were awarded to the young Explorers by their leaders, Mrs. R. H. Armstrong and Mrs. S. Sinclair. The graduation services conducted by Reverend R. H. Armstrong commenced with scripture and prayer.

Graduating Explorers were welcomed into the Junior Daughters of Knox by their Explorer leader, Mrs. W. Toth. Mrs. Sinclair explained "Today marks a further step into the church week-day program for teen-agers. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, speaking to the Daughters of Knox said that the group was expanding and would now be divided into Junior Teen-Age daughters of Knox; and a senior Teen-age Daughters of Knox and a new Young Women's group. Mrs. Dawson of Galt Presbyterial, Secretary for Girls spoke briefly. "Groups like yours are the future Missionary work she assured the girls." Mrs. Gowdy of Galt Presbyterial Young Girls Secretary declared "A gathering like this of young people is one of the most inspiring sights." She urged the girls to use whatever gifts they had.

Mrs. E. J. Hassard, President of Senior W.M.S.; Mrs. A. Mann, Presiden of Evening Auxiliary; Mrs. F. McCutcheon, President of the Ladies Aid, congratulated and welcomed the group briefly. Mrs. R. Black, Presbyterial President, gave timely advice. Mrs. H. Mainprize, as a representative of the Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society welcomed and explained the organization work of the Church. An expression of appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Buchanan for the splendid work she had done. Musical selections added a pleasing variety to the evening's programme.

The guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Knox Auxiliary of the W.M.S. was Miss Gretta Goald; a missionary nurse on furlough from the English Presbyterian Church, Formosa. She told briefly of the beautiful tropical Island where she was born and of the difficulties the people have to endure under Chinese and Japanese rule; and made a moving appeal for help both material and prayers for them. The talk was illustrated with coloured slides.

Miss Carol Chiam of Taiwan, who is at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, was present and her vocal solo and a duet with Miss Goald were much enjoyed.

Through the generosity of a past member and a present member of the Knox Auxiliary two happy incidents were part of the programme. Mrs. J. H. Kirby received a Life Membership Certificate and an Honorary membership certificate and pin were presented to Mrs. Alfred Hales who celebrated her 90th birthday last December. She has been associated with Knox Church all her life and is the oldest living member.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL — The Semi-Annual meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial was held in **Keene.** The president, Mrs. A. E. Toombs presided for morning and afternoon sessions. The report of Synodical held in **Barrie** was given by Mrs. S. Fife of Hastings and Mrs. Sirett of **Cobourg.** Reverend Gilbert Smith of Knox Church expressed welcome to **Keene** and also brought greetings from Presbytery. The Fall Rally will be held in **Millbrook** on October 13th.

The training school for Teen-age leaders will be held October 4th-9th in **Peterborough.**

The guest speaker was Miss Margaret Kennedy on furlough from the Bhil field, India. She said we had an investment there and should keep ourselves informed as to the dividends. "We are grateful for the part we have had in helping establish the Church in India, but we in Canada must rise to grasp the whole opportunity that is being handed to us today. We need more leaders, more missionaries, more ministers, but we also need the conscience of a whole Christian nation to cry out for the right."

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL—A very successful rally for Mission Bands and Canadian Girls in Training was held in Amos Presbyterian Church, **Dromore,** Ontario, the Theme being: "Remember now Thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Eccles. 12-1. The large attendance showed a good representation from the Presbyterial with an interesting program both morning and afternoon. The C.G.I.T. story telling contest was won by Marilyn Taylor of **Dromore.** Guest speaker was Miss Helen Bricker who spoke of her work and showed interesting slides of the various Mission Fields in Japan, Formosa and India.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — **Bolton** Evening Auxiliary entertained the Afternoon Auxiliary of **Bolton** Church as well as the two sister auxiliaries from **Nashville** at the Manse. The film "From Fear to Faith" was screened by Mrs. W. J. Agar.

Nashville Presbyterian Church was host to the Toronto West Presbytery at their April meeting.

An Easter service of worship was held in Nashville Church school room. Mrs. John Burbidge presided. The Easter Story. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to all peoples", was related in scripture lessons and suitable hymns. Dr. Joseph McLelland brought a message and a film "This Road We Walk" was presented by W. J. Agar.

The **Nashville** Mission Band held their second annual missionary story telling contest. About forty gathered to hear the girls speak. Those taking part were: Rita Flear, Jean Flear, Dawn Fry, Elinore Newman, Ann Miller, Jean Bevanfield, Joan Price and Donilda Robinson. Miss Ann Miller was awarded the silver cup for the second time and Miss Joan Price placed second.

Many guests from nearby churches as well as the members of the Owaissa and Evening Auxiliaries of the **Weston** Presbyterian Church attended the Easter Thank-offering service held in the church recently. Miss Janet Roy, Owaissa President, welcomed the members and guests and presided.

For the devotional period Reverend R. C. Creelman offered prayer and Mrs. Colhoun read the Easter Scripture lesson. Mrs. H. Dixon presided at the organ. Enjoyable Easter musical numbers were provided by Mrs. Helen Johnson and Mrs. Hazel Murley.

The guest speaker for the evening, Miss Margaret Kennedy, on furlough from the Bhil Field in India, was introduced by Mrs. R. B. Ledingham, the new President of Toronto West Presbyterial. Miss Kennedy is a challenging speaker and told of the vastness of the work still to be done in the Presbyterian field in India. Her remarkable ability to hold her audience as she pictures life in India, seriously as well as humourously, added to the enjoyment of the evening and roused her listeners to plan for greater work in our mission field.

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MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—An open inspirational meeting of the **Montreal** Presbyterial of the W.M.S. (W.D.) took place in First Presbyterial Church, **Montreal,** on Thursday evening May 20th. Miss Dorothy Coles presiding. Mrs. E. S. Harding gave a report on the highlights of the Annual Meeting of the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa. Mrs. W. E. Baker introduced Miss Bessie MacMurchy, R.N. who was the guest speaker.

A pageant "A Light on the Path" in which five different groups took part, was given by Miss MacMurchy. The commentator was Miss Blaise of Ephraim Scott Auxiliary.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. A. Ian Burnett was guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of **Gloucester** Church. Mrs. Burnett spoke on the parable of the Sower and its application to every day life. The President, Mrs. D. Henderson presided and Mrs. Donald Hope took the devotions.

The Reverend Donald S. Campbell of Westminster Church spoke on Missionary work at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church **Ottawa.** The President, Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, presided and devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. H. Williams.

Reverend Colin F. Miller was speaker at the April meeting of the Kathleen Johnston Auxiliary of the W.M.S. of Knox Church, **Ottawa.** Mr. Miller reviewed the three great periods of missionary expansion in the history of Christianity. He also outlined the fundamentals of the Missionary task as it confronts us in this age.

The President, Mrs. N. T. Allan, presided at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Giles W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Ottawa.** The minister, Reverend Dr. J. Logan-Vencta conducted the devotions. Guest speaker was the Reverend Dr. D. McRae returned missionary from China who spoke on the efficacy of the work of Christian Missions in China during past years. Soloist was Miss Elma Martin who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Angus Orr. A lending library for the Auxiliary was started by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta. A number of books were donated by Dr. Logan Vencta for this purpose. There was a talent table in aid of supply work. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. Logan Vencta.

The Reverend D. S. Campbell, B.A., of Westminster Church was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Giles Guild affiliated society, **Ottawa.** He took as his subject — "Looking Forward" and gave a very vivid picture of the Woman at the Well. The President Miss Mary Minott, presided, Miss Eva Bilbe had charge of devotions.

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Supplies	621.93
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Editorial

NOT long ago a copy of one of the first isues of the Presbyterian Record was being shown to me by a friend who had found it among possessions she was sorting. The date was August 1876. Naturally we were interested in its content and its appearance. Our attention was drawn to the editorial wherein several sentences were pointed out as being very familiar in their content, to us in 1954.

One sentence apologized for the magazine being late. The editor observed that it was good to know how popular the magazine was (there had been a deluge of mail inquiring about its late appearance.) The writer took the opportunity to suggest that many more Presbyterian families could subscribe to their magazine, thus keeping informed about affairs of the Church.

The second item which sounded a familiar note was a call back to the Church's work. In August 1876 people were returning from their summer vacations to school, to office, to housekeeping just as we do today. The editor of 1876 strongly urged his readers to return from glade and stream to their places in the Church's work. It is quite probable that they did for in those days, the Church was the centre of community life and exhortations were made to be obeyed. They were not made in coaxing tones but with the strong sound of the call to duty.

The familiar sound of these editorial thoughts of Seventy-eight years ago! At first it amuses us and tends to make us feel a small sense of satisfaction. We think "Well, problems were the same way back then. Maybe we aren't too bad today." Then we began to wonder . . . If we assume that these exhortations were heeded — and the history of our Church indicates that they were in those days, then the people of several generations ago must have been more closely linked to the life of the Church than they are today. Yet the history of our land shows that progress has been made by Canadian people in every phase of their material life. The editor who wrote his editorial in 1876 rode in a horse-drawn buggy, or if he went a distance, his train or boat travel was neither as speedy nor as comfortable as todays editor of The Presbyterian Record can enjoy. His communication with the outside towns was through the medium of The Printed word and appeared in daily or more often weekly papers. The signs by which to judge progress today are the creation of machines to make life easier, to bring the nations of the world closer together.

If we said the same words as the writer of long ago – if in this editorial we suggested that there could be more subscribers to The Glad Tidings and the Presbyterian Record, what answers might we hear? Glad Tidings secretaries in all parts of the country can tell you:

"I get so many magazines that I can't read them all."
"I am just not interested in Missionary reading."

Similarily, if we suggested that the Church's work had first claim or our time we could hear:

"I just couldn't lead a missionary meeting. I wouldn't know where to find the information – besides I can't say things in public."

"I haven't time to lead a girls' group. There are so many other things demanding my time."

Somehow or other things just do not add up. How can we as a Nation claim to have made progress if the Church has not first claim on our lives? Christian religion is the philosophy behind all of our culture that is fine. The very scientists who invented the things which now occupy our time and attention were doubtless educated in institutes which the Church originated. It would appear that if we have really progressed then we have to apply our minds and decide what things are going to rule our lives. Are we going to serve God who created all the earth – or are we going to be slaves to the things man has created with the gifts God has given him? It should be very evident that we have a future as a Nation—that the world's future depends upon our understanding of God's will and our obedience to it. There is no choice if we are to survive.

It is an age when we must select carefully how our time is to be spent. There can be no argument about Church magazines being uninteresting or Church organizations being dull – for we can make them just as interesting and inspiring as we want them to be. If our desire is to be part of the Church of Christ and to serve in it, then our own deep interest will help us find our place in Church organizations – and we will be aided in our work by Church publications. Let us then give heed to Glad Tidings and Record secretaries as they start their fall campaign for subscriptions in 1955. Let us tune our heart and minds to the call of Jesus Christ as He seeks our help in the service of His Church.

Mary E. Whale

Service of Worship for Thanksgiving

by REVEREND J. B. SKENE, B.A., D.D.

PRAISE: Hymn 139 "O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea".

COLLECT: O Thou from whom we have received all that we are, all that we have, and all that we hope to become, go before us, we beseech Thee, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and favour us with thy continual help, that all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, may be to Thy Glory, the honour of Thy Holy Name, and the enrichment of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 118.

PRAISE: Hymn 120 "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" tune "Monkland."

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 6.

MEDITATION: "There is great gain in godliness and contentment" I Timothy 6.

Thanksgiving is first a state of mind, and condition of soul. It is not possible in a mood of discontent, rebellion or dissatisfaction. It is possible only when one is like St. Paul in this verse, independent of one's lot, or material situation. When one finds his resources within, as the Christian should, he rides above any situation, and is capable of thanksgiving to God for that capacity, as well as all other gifts. This is why thanksgiving is first a personal matter. In all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Paul, in Rome, was the most independent man in town. He did not build up a mass of worldly commitments and then try to work his way up through it. He walked above the world, to begin with. And that is the mood that makes us thankful to Almighty God. We realize that all we have, all we are, and hope to be are His.

"Every virtue we possess
and every victory won
and every thought of holiness
are His alone."

Albert Einstein, on an occasion on which he was being highly complimented said — "All that I am I have received." And for what we have received, may the Lord make us truly thankful.

Even the least of us hath received much—life itself, health, capacities to achieve and enjoy. It was Carlyle's law of culture, that each become all that he was created capable of being, and that creation is God's gift. Our capabilities are of His generosity, and are our responsibility. From thoughtless forgetfulness of this truth, may we be delivered! It is a human weakness to forget the giver in the enjoyment of gifts. Eaten bread is soon forgotten. The Winter wind, is not so unkind as man's ingratitude. There were nine lepers cleansed who never returned to Jesus to thank Him, as one had done. Where were the nine? And where are they? Among the countless horde of the thoughtless. Much of the world's smugness, pain, and unhappiness, stem from our failure to realize what we owe to God and our fellows. For ingratitude breeds arrogance, while gratitude begets humility, one of the first graces of a Christian person. Thanksgiving should be expressed collectively as well as personally, at an appointed time. There are occasions of church thanksgiving especially for harvest, in England. Thanksgiving Day, as we know it on a national scale, by government proclamation is a North American institution, and was begun by the Pilgrim Fathers in New England, continued in the United States and spread to this country. The American Thanksgiving Day is usually the last Thursday in November while we in Canada generally observe the second Monday in October. That the Government of the day should make such a proclamation is in itself a gratifying national acknowledgment of Almighty God in our national affairs, and of His beneficence to us as a nation. Therefore let us keep this feast, – not just as a holiday, but as a Holy Day.

PRAYER: Almighty God who art the ruler of nations and who dost order the affairs of peoples, we give Thee thanks and praise for the glories of creation, and for the large room in which thou has set our feet and the spacious land to which thou didst guide the steps of our fathers. Dispose our hearts and minds, we pray thee, to the right uses of the ample resources of our land, that righteousness may exhalt our nations and that sin may not be a reproach unto us. Save and bless our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth, and pour out upon her the continual dew of thy blessing, and may this, our country, ever honour Thy holy name. Amen.

PRAISE: Hymn 147 – "Now Thank we all our God."

BLESSING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Love of God the Father,
The communion of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all, Amen.

Remembering Services Limited

The word recently received of the death of two of our members of long standing in Western Canada has caused us to reflect on the tremendous contribution to our Church and our Society made by many such women throughout Canada but especially in the scattered districts of the west.

When the British Columbia Provincial Society was organized in 1914, Mrs. A. A. Mackinnon of Cranbrook was elected 1st vice-president. In 1954, as Honorary President of the Synodical she was the only member still living of the first provincial executive. Her death occurred just a few days after. In the interval and for nearly ten years before the setting up of provincial societies, Mrs. Mackinnon had been active in the work of our church in Cranbrook Auxiliary, in Kootenay presbyterial and more recently in Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. J. B. McAra, likewise has served our church and our Society consistently for fifty years – from 1903 to 1939 in the local congregation in Regina and throughout the province of Saskatchewan as Provincial President – from then on in Victoria, B.C.

During the last half century many such women have been active in building up our church in the west – for the first quarter of the century as pioneers, with few to help or guide and those at long distances. In 1925 came the tragedy and they saw the results of their endeavours swept away and their church shattered. Nothing daunted, they stood up and with supreme faith and divinely inspired courage and persistence, started in again, to build up a worthy edifice out of the ruins. Their labours were ended only by death.

It is difficult for us to realize and impossible to estimate too highly the value of the service rendered by such women to the total life and witness of our church in Canada.

(Mrs. J. G.) A. Inkster

Mrs. J. D. Holman

TO those of us whose privilege it was to work with her on Council Executive, the news of the sudden death of Mrs. J. D. Holman came as a shock.

Mrs. Holman served on Council Executive as secretary for Young Women from 1932 to 1941 when, because of illness, she was compelled to resign from the Board. It was under Mrs. Holman's able and imaginative direction that the work of Young Women became a definite department within our Society. In membership, givings, and activity the Department grew and flourished during her ten years of capable leadership.

Mrs. Holman's interest however, was not limited to the Young Women. During the years she sat on Council Executive she manifested an intelligent concern for the total work of the Society. Her insights were keen and her judgment mature. She was always able to approach a question fairly and impersonally.

Many throughout the Society will remember Mrs. Holman. At one time or another she visited practically all the Synodicals at the time of their annual meetings, travelling west one year with Mrs. W. A. MacLennan during the time of Mrs. MacLennan's presidency.

It was our privilege to work for the ten years, very closely with Mrs. Holman. Never have we known a more loyal friend or a more generous nature, even in the face of opposition and frustration. Her contribution to the work of our Society has been proven over the years and we know that her work had permanent quality and many of the things she said and did will remain in the minds and hearts of her contemporaries throughout the years.

We give thanks to Almighty God for all that he permitted His servant to do within our Society. She has gone home and we should not mourn but we do open our hearts in sympathy to her family, son, daughter, and sisters. May they know in abundant measures, the blessings and comfort of our loving Heavenly Father from whom no sorrow or heartache is hidden.

Laura K. Pelton

Welcome Home Ye Missionaries It's Time to do Deputation

Miss Margaret Webster, Director of Organization and Secretary of the Deputation Committee, writes about "the dilemma of deputation".

Deputation

Dictionary-wise, deputation means "a delegation to represent others and to interpret for them" – so missionaries on furlough must interpret for their comrades the work which they are doing. To the members of our Society, the word means that pleasant time when a missionary arrives to tell of the work which she has been doing, to bring to members a little of what seems to be the glamour of missions. To the Deputation Committee, the words mean a deluge of requests for missionary speakers – sometimes as many as three requests for one missionary for one day. To the missionary, unless she is particularly happy about travelling and speaking, the word can be a nightmare of train, bus and car journeys, two speeches a day, with newspaper interviews, radio programmes, and pink teas in between.

At any rate, Council Executive has asked the Organization Department to establish a Deputation Committee to plan speaking engagements for missionaries, to deal with requests for speakers, and to try, as best it can, to work out a solution to the dilemma of deputation.

What is a furlough?

For overseas missionaries, regulations regarding furloughs vary according to the field. On a majority of our mission fields, after five and one-half years of service overseas the missionary is entitled to approximately fifteen months of furlough. This time is spent off the field – most of it, for most missionaries, is spent in Canada. The first two months after a missionary has reached her home are holiday months – the time when the missionary endeavours to become acclimatized to her native heath once more; when she catches up on shopping, and renews acquaintance with family and friends. She must have a similar month at the end of her furlough to do the shopping which will be sufficient to carry her through another five and one-half or six years. The time that is left in the furlough is divided between study (which a missionary will be ready to have after being away from first-hand contact with places of study for some time) and deputation.

A worker in one of the Society's mission stations in Canada is entitled to a furlough of six months (including a one month annual vacation) after six years of service. This time also is divided between a refresher or study course and deputation.

Thus, by including some deputation in the furlough of both the overseas and national missionaries, it is hoped that the members of the Society will learn at first hand what our workers are doing in Canada and overseas.

Deputation During 1953

At the annual Council Meeting in Winnipeg, the extent of the deputation work of the Society's missionaries during 1953 was reported. In that year, six missionaries undertook some deputation work. Three of these missionaries were used exclusively as part of the Presbyterian Training Institute Teams. They were busy telling of their work five days a week from the end of September to early December. Besides the Institutes, missionaries spoke at 100 other meetings. 43 out of 44 of the Presbyterials that make up the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) had a visit from one of the Society's missionaries during 1953.

Deputation in the Fall of 1954

During the fall of 1954, four of the Society's missionaries (three overseas and one national) will be available for some deputation work. Each Synodical has been offered some time from one of these missionaries and it is expected that there will be a missionary visiting within all but six of our Presbyterials. To these six Presbyterials we hope to send a missionary early in 1955.

Planned Deputation

From these facts you will see that the Deputation Committee endeavours to plan carefully the speaking engagements for missionaries, so that all parts of the Society will receive the benefits that a missionary's visit can bring. Not only must the Committee plan to have all parts of the Society touched by a missionary at regular intervals, but it must plan also that the missionaries sent to each part of Canada are representative, not just of one field, but of our various mission fields.

There are other things to keep in mind as well in doing planning. Some missionaries are ready to speak to large mass meetings — others prefer to meet with small groups of church members. Some missionaries can make a particular appeal to children, teen-agers and young people — others make a greater appeal to adults. All of these facts the Deputation Committee endeavours to keep in mind as it plans the deputation of these workers.

Requests! Requests! Requests!

Besides the planning of deputation work for missionaries, the Committee has had to deal with somewhere between 300 to 400 requests for speakers per year. Many of these, of course, it is not possible to fill. Occasionally, the Committee is able to work in an extra meeting for a missionary. Members of Council Executive, Organization and Executive staffs have helped. The Committee has been able to fill some requests from lists of speakers that were sent to us some time ago by a number of Presbyterials.

Policy Regarding Speakers

Because of such a flood of requests, the Deputation Committee some time ago decided that it would have to establish a policy regarding speaking engagements for missionaries. At that time, it was agreed that it would be impossible to allow missionaries to speak at the meetings of individual auxiliaries, but only at large district meetings. Even with this decision, the Committee has had a major dilemma on its hands—how to plan deputation so that all parts of the Society will be reached by our missionaries and at the same time meet the legitimate requests for speakers that come.

1954 Council Discussions

The problem was taken to the 1954 Council Meeting. The Council decision was that "to ensure adequate trans-Canada coverage of missionary speakers a missionary should not be used for individual auxiliaries, but for large representative gatherings arranged by Presbyteries and Presbyterials, at which as wide a representation as possible would be present.

Council felt also that when deputation work is arranged locally, insufficient consideration is given to the large number of people who have no knowledge of missionary work. Too often, missionaries are used to speak only to members of the Society who are already interested in missions, whereas they might better be used with children and young people, and with non-W.M.S. members; perhaps even in clubs and societies outside of the Church.

Concern was expressed over the number of speakers used who have no connection with the missionary work of our own Church, when the knowledge and interest in our own work for which we are responsible is still somewhat limited. Council urged that our groups make an effort to extend information about the work of our own fields.

Develop Local Talent

The most encouraging emphasis at the Council Meeting was that groups be urged to make use of local people or members of nearby auxiliaries as speakers at special meetings. It was admitted that in our Society there is a very great deal of talent which could be used with great success in an attempt to spread information about our Society's work.

Thus, the Deputation Committee would ask that every Auxiliary use a variety of programme in meetings, including a panel, interviews, discussion, visual aids — which can be carried on by members of the group. It would urge that for special meetings—like Thank-Offerings — slides, films or filmstrips be considered, or if a speaker seems to be indispensible, that members of the local group or a nearby group be used for this purpose.

Then, if on some very special occasion in a Presbyterial, a missionary speaker is required, the request should be sent to the Deputation Committee through the Executive Director of Organization, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, several months before the date of the meeting.

An understanding of the Committee's attempt to plan deputation work is solicited. It will require the cooperation of all if missionaries are to be used chiefly in district meetings and in groups of people who need special consideration.

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Toronto 1, Ontario.

Organization Staff News

MISS LOUISE REITH, M.A.

MISS Louise Reith, M.A., who has served the Society for the past 13 years as Executive Director of the Literature Department, becomes National Secretary for Adult Work on the first of September.

This will be the first time that the Society has had a Secretary for Adult Work. For a number of years, a Secretary for Youth Work, who served the Young Women's Auxiliaries and did some youth work in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education, was employed. When that position became vacant a year ago, it was decided that the nature of this appointment should be studied. In the meantime, the Board of Christian Education had appointed a secretary whose main responsibility was to be young people's and adult work. In our own Society, very little specialized help was being given to our Evening and Senior Auxiliaries. As a result it was decided that we should no longer employ a Youth Secretary but should instead employ a Secretary to serve all of the adult groups — Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries and Affiliated groups.

In the search for the new Secretary, the Organization Committee and Council Executive were most fortunate in being able to secure Miss Louise Reith. With her knowledge of the Church and the Society, her ability in the preparation of programme materials, and her pleasant and friendly personality, she will be able to give the

MISS GRACE MACKAY

leadership so mucn needed in these branches of our Society's work.

Miss Reith is a graduate of the University of Toronto (with her Master's degree in English), the Ontario College of Education, and the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School. She served the Society formerly as a teacher at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School in Kenora and as Superintendent at the Presbyterian Residence in Saskatoon.

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Miss Grace Mackay, Presbyterian Regional Secretary in British Columbia, leaves the staff in early September to resume a teaching career. Before her appointment as a Regional Secretary, Miss Mackay taught in Saskatoon. Now, desirous of a settled position after six years that involved a great deal of travelling, she plans to serve as a member of the Vancouver elementary school teaching staff.

During the six years that she has been Regional Secretary in British Columbia, she has endeared herself to the Presbyterians of that Province. She has made a very great contribution, particularly in the field of Christian Education.

The best wishes of the members of the Society will go with her in her teaching position.

Prayer

OUR Father in Heaven, we come to Thee at the beginning of another year of service, as a Women's Missionary Society. We thank Thee for the rest and refreshment of the summer.

We thank Thee for the forgiving love which so freely pardons all our past sins and mistakes; and now claim the promised "all sufficient grace" for the coming days.

We pray, especially, for a new vision of the world's need and our individual responsibility. Remind us that we have been called into partnership with Jesus Christ in winning the world to Him. May each one of us realize anew, her definite part in this service.

O spirit of God open our eyes! Forbid that we should be so occupied with lesser things that our supreme duty should be given second place. Forgive us that we esteem so lightly our freedom to worship, and serve Thee, in this land of liberty; giving so little thought of our debt to Thee for Thy transcendent grace.

Trusting in Thine enabling power, may we willingly undertake each task assigned to us.

We pray for our missionaries and fellow-Christians in distant lands, who are suffering for, and serving Thee so faithfully. We claim for them Thy promised hundred fold recompense. Keep us faithful intercessors for them this year, as never before. May we come to realize that this is our supreme task and give it first place in our plans for each day.

We come to Thee, trusting in no merit of our own; but in the precious name of Him who said: "If ye ask . . . I will do."

Amen.

Do You Know the Age of a Mission Band Member and an Explorer?

by MRS. W. N. FERGUSON

Chairman, Presbyterian Children's Committee

Mission Bands — are for children from the Primary Group, aged 6, 7, and 8 years.

Explorers — are Juniors, children of 9, 10, and 11 years.

For some time the Children's Secretary has been stressing the fact that Mission Band members and Explorers belong to two separate age groups. In many places this has been fully understood but in others, especially in small congregations, where there are not many children there is still the tendency to put children of both ages in the one group and call them either a Mission Band or Explorers. From the standpoint of both leader and children this is unwise, and we would like to remind you that the children of these groups have different needs and different interests. As a matter of fact these children learn in different ways. These differences are due to the fact that God made them that way, and we are going in the face of God if we don't take note of these differences. Moreover, it is quite difficult for any leader to plan something that will be equally interesting and satisfying to a six-year-old and an eleven-year old, and just as hard for the older child to enjoy what will hold a first-grader's attention

Although we realize that there is still the difficulty of getting a leader for each group, may we suggest that the same leader might handle both groups, but on a different day or at a different hour. It would be much more satisfactory to have an Explorer Group of 5 children and a Mission Band of 4, than one group of 9 children of various ages.

If your congregation is at a distance from the church perhaps it would be possible for the older children to come to an Explorer meeting. The Mission Band children could be encouraged by having a home meeting in several areas, where 2 or 3 children could be led in Mission study and activities. The children in all these areas could be called the Mission Band of the congregation, and could meet together two or three times a year.

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

Overseas News Flashes

Miss Marion Williamson, from Amkhut, Bhil Field and Miss Beatrice Scott from Mendha, Bhil Field, arrived here the middle of June on furlough. Miss B. Scott is now at her home in Port Elgin and Miss Williamson at Wingham. In the autumn Miss Williamson will do deputation work in Western Canada and Miss Scott in central Canada.

MISS WILLIAMSON

Miss Bessie McMurchy has passed successfully her second year at the London University with general "A" standing.

MISS SCOTT

Miss Margaret MacKenzie has passed her second year language study in Formosa. In her last letter she said she was "tearing her hair" in an effort to translate some child psychology into the Chinese language.

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Council Executive extended Miss Margaret Kennedy's furlough that she might give three extra months to deputation work in Canada. Miss Kennedy is now in England, having left Canada about the middle of August and will attend Carey Hall,

Sharing in Canadian Missions

National News Notes

MISS ELLEN DOUGLAS

It will be of great interest to all our members to learn that Miss Ellen Douglas is leaving our National staff to return to Overseas work. Miss Douglas has given outstanding service as Hospital Visitor in Vancouver and New Westminister. Those patients whom she visited will not soon forget her messages of comfort and cheer. Our prayers and good wishes will be with her as she returns to her beloved India.

Letters from all of the deaconesses tell of the conducting of Vacation Bible Schools and of leadership at camps in centres from Vancouver island to Tyndale House Camp in Quebec. More detailed reports of these activities will be given in later numbers of "The Glad Tidings".

Miss Grace Lee of Victoria; Misses Ruth Yeandle and Susan Yeung of Vancouver; Miss Margaret Near of Toronto; Mrs. G. P. Louie and Miss Hazel Turnbull of Montreal, all of our National Staff were among those who attended the conference for workers among our Chinese people which was held in conjunction with the Pre-Assembly Congress in Toronto. Miss Yeandle will give her impressions of this conference in the November issue of "The Glad Tidings".

A conference for workers among the Indian people was held early in July in Winnipeg. The guest speaker was the Rev. George Walker, of the Charles H. Cook Christian Training School, Phoenix,, Arizona, whose addresses and discussion periods were inspirational and most informative. Of those who attended this conference, twelve were members of the staff of the General Board of Missions and the Women's Missionary Society.

YOUR MISSIONARY DOLLAR AT WORK

The financial side of our Mission work is now to be brought to your attention each month under the above title and in a variety of ways.

In presenting the Treasurer's Statement in this issue of the Glad Tidings you will notice it is for a six months' period, from January to June 1954. The next report will cover a nine months' period to the end of September. This means that in future the usual monthly statement will not be appearing in your magazine, but a financial report will appear four times during the year which will indicate the progress being made toward our objective.

The months in which there will be no report, a special article in story form will be used to show the results of the spending of some of the money given through your Society. We hope in this way to bring home to our members their share in Mission work as related to their monetary contributions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Six months ending June 30th, 1954

Synodicals	*Estimated Income for year*	*Receipts General Fund*	*Total Receipts*
British Columbia	$ 11,300.00	$ 1,000.00	
Alberta	9,200.00	1,574.99	
Saskatchewan	5,600.00	625.98	
Manitoba	11,000.00	1,803.00	
Toronto and Kingston	89,500.00	26,307.15	
Hamilton and London	86,500.00	23,261.07	
Montreal and Ottawa	43,900.00	13,914.44	
	257,000.00	68,486.63	$ 68,486.63
Interest on Bonds			450.00
Special Gifts			2,800.55
			$ 71,738.18

	Estimated Expenitures for year	*Expenditures General Fund*	*Total Expenditures*
National Missions	$ 67,075.00	$ 31,747.53	
Overseas Missions	99,585.00	54,631.57	
Organization	40,150.00	15,242.77	
Publications	18,775.00	6,672.69	
Administration	15,230.00	8,207.16	
Council Meeting	5,000.00	4,992.70	
Christian Literature	5,500.00	4,644.00	
Insurance and Taxes	1,200.00	1,033.59	
Grants	2,160.00	1,725.00	
Student	375.00	200.00	
Visual Education	1,050.00	22.24	
Candidate	200.00	20.60	
General Contingency	700.00	274.46	
Special Gifts		1,479.47	
	$257,000.00	$130.893.78	$130,893.78

	Receipts	*Expenditures*
Supply Fund	$ 3,641.19	$ 5,343.22
Indian Residential Schools:		
Cecilia Jeffrey	$26,432.54	$25,573.81
Birtle	26,678.89	30,720.78
Trust Funds:		
Pension and Retirement Fund	$ 2,277.50	$ 3,115.75
Overseas Fund	2,447.50	
Special Fund	320.31	2,945.92
Legacy Fund	7,150.15	10,375.10
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	797.10	495.76

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

The common problem, yours, mine, every one's,
Is not to fancy what were fair in life,
Provided it could be! — but finding first
What may be; then find how to make it fair
Up to our means.

Browning

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND
of the
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D.
of the
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

The following is the revised policy covering the use of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund as accepted by Council in Winnipeg in May 1954:—

1. The policy of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund shall be the responsibility of Council.
2. The Administration of the Fund shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee of Council Executive. The Committee shall carry out the recommendations of Council and shall have the final decision in each individual case. The Committee shall report yearly to Council.
3. The amount available for distribution each year shall be $5,000. from the Capital Account plus the yearly interest on the Fund, this amount to be allocated as follows:—
   - (a) Bursaries to the amount of $2,000. for
     - Men and women enrolled at Knox College, Toronto and the Presbyterian College, Montreal.
     - Women enrolled at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School and/or other accredited Training Schools acceptable to Council Executive.
   - (b) Training of employees of the Women's Missionary Society to the amount of $1,500.
   - (c) Training of students from our Overseas Fields (advanced studies) to the amount of $1,500.
   - (d) Training of students and workers of the native Churches on our Mission Fields to the amount of the yearly interest.
4. Bursaries (as described in Section 3(a) shall be available as follows:
   - (a) For men and women enrolled at Knox College, Toronto and the Presbyterian College, Montreal — $100.00 for each applicant per year.
   - (b) For women enrolled in the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Schools and other accredited Training Schools — $200. for each applicant for the first year and $100. for each applicant for the second and third years.
   - (c) Each applicant must be certified by Presbytery and shall be required to meet the qualifications as set down by the Faculty of the Theological College or Training School concerned.
   - (d) Applications for Bursaries must be received by the Finance Committee not later than January 1st, of each year.
   - (e) If recipient fails to complete his or her Course, he or she shall be required to refund the amount of the Bursary received.
   - (f) Students who marry during their Couse will not be eligible for Bursaries.
   - (g) Recipients will be expected after graduation to serve in the work of THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.
5. There shall be the Training for Employees of the Women's Missionary Society (as described in Section 3(b) covering fees, books and transportation.
6. (a) There shall be three Bursaries (as described in Section 3(c) of $500. each available for Advanced Training of Overseas Students from our Mission Fields.
   - (b) Overseas students shall be carefully chosen and recommended by the Council on the Field.

(c) Overseas students on completing their course shall be expected to serve their Church in their own country for a period of time.

7. There shall be training (as described in Section 3(d) for students and workers of the native Churches on our Mission Fields as requested and recommended by the Mission Councils.

Application forms may be obtained from the Principals of Knox College, Toronto, The Presbyterian College, Montreal, The Missionary and Deaconess Training School, or from the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)

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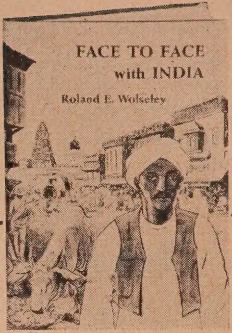
Literature Page

by Louise A. Reith, M.A.



As groups begin their work for the autumn we would remind you that the study theme for all age groups for 1954-55 is INDIA and draw your attention to the Book List on the back cover in which all the studies are given.

The Auxiliary study is based on the book FACE TO FACE WITH INDIA by Roland E. Wolseley, published by Friendship Press, New York. This book presents the problems of India and the place of the Christian Church in that land as shown in the lives of people. Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Edith Magee have given us information, stories and incidents from our Bhil and Jhansi fields, which are included in the programme booklet, as is an article by Miss Irene Stringer reprinted from a back number of *The Glad Tidings*. The programmes as outlined endeavour to link the work of our own fields in India with the general situation in the country as a whole.

For Girls' Groups there is the study SARIS AND SANDALS, which book together with the programmes has been written by our Secretary for Girls' Work, Helen E. Bricker, for use in the Canadian Girls in Training Groups of the various denominations.

For the Junior age Children's Groups CHAND OF INDIA by Irene Mason Harper is the story book and for the Primary age, FIG-TREE VILLAGE by Grace McGavran. For both of these study packets Lily M. Macarthur, our Secretary for Children's Work, has prepared suggestions for the programmes and for worship.

You will see other good books listed as resource material for meetings and for home reading. It is hoped that every Presbyterial Literature Secretary will help to make these known to the Auxiliaries and to leaders of groups in her Presbyterial.

Those who were in the discussion group on literature at the Council meeting in Winnipeg realized how much interest had been aroused in available materials in those Presbyterials that have had Book Displays circulating among the Auxiliaries and expressed the hope that more Presbyterials would try that plan. The circulating of Book Displays has been worked out in different ways in different Presbyterials and the Publications Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, would be glad to give information and assistance to any Presbyterial wishing to try the plan.

As you will see elsewhere in this magazine I am moving at the first of September into another department of the Society's work, namely, the Organization Department, in which I am to be the Secretary for Adult Work. I would like at this time to express my sincere appreciation of the cooperation which has been given to me by the Literature Secretaries of Synodicals, Presbyterials and Auxiliaries across Canada during the years I have served in the Literature Department. It has been a pleasure to come to know you through your letters, to meet many of you personally and to work with you in making known the many fine books on missionary work. In leaving this department I am not leaving behind my interest in it but go with the hope that the use of all good missionary books and materials will multiply many times in the years ahead.

A WORLD FRIENDSHIP TE DEUM

For those who are kind to people of other lands
who have come to our country:
We give Thee thanks, O God.

For those who have gone abroad, and who do their
work in the spirit of Jesus Christ:
We give Thee thanks, O God.

For those who write books that help us to understand the thoughts and ways of other nations:
We give Thee thanks, O God.

For statesmen who are trying to persuade the nations
to give up hatred and war:
We give Thee thanks, O God.

For missionaries who tell the good news of
Jesus Christ, the King of Love and Prince of Peace:
We give Thee thanks, O God.

(The Challenge)

An auxiliary member makes suggestions for increasing membership

Each One Bring One

by VERA CARR

NOW, at the start of a new season, our thoughts turn to ways in which we may improve our Missionary Society and its endeavours. If our organization is to go ahead we must be sure that our membership is increasing continually, and that the interest and enthusiasm of the members are always kept high.

One of the most frequent questions asked is "How can we get new members?" I wonder if it would help us in our outreach if we considered this question from a new angle. We are always emphasizing how much our Society needs new members. On the other hand, let us think how much people need our Society – for, to fulfil the commandment of our Lord and Master, His followers must be missionary-minded, and one of the best channels through which this commandment can be carried out is through the Women's Missionary Society. Through it we are not only witnessing in Judea . . . but to the uttermost parts of the earth.

In our youngest group, the Mission Band, the children set us a good example. The leader has only to arouse the children's interest, and they will go out enthusiastically to bring other children. In Explorers and C.G.I.T. the same thing applies. However, when we come to the Young Women's, Evening and Senior Departments, our "member-getting" activities become more difficult.

One of the very first ways in which we can look for new members is through our Welcome and Welfare Department. We must make sure that first contacts with newcomers are followed-up very carefully. It requires someone's time and personal interest to make the newcomer feel she is wanted in a group. That interest must continue to encourage and help her until she is a permanent part of your group.

Another place where we might look for new members is in our place of business, or amongst our neighbours and friends not connected with our Church. It sometimes happens that a new member will join a group because of her friendship for a member of that group. On attending she may not only become interested in the organization, but may possibly be brought very close to Christ as a result of the spiritual fellowship therein.

We might also be on the lookout, when new members join the Church, for people interested in missionary endeavour. Quite often a young person, or an older person, comes to a new church and longs to be asked to join an organization. Today, when so many people, single women especially, are boarding or living in a room, you will find that they are glad to join a group and spend time with other people of like disposition. I recall one instance where a young woman from the old country attended a Church for several months. No one had taken upon herself the responsibility of approaching her and asking her to join their Women's Missionary group. One day a member spoke to her and she was more than pleased to come. However, the invitation came two months too late. The newcomer had become dis-heartened with life in Canada, because of various circumstances, and had decided to go home. Her farewell was to the effect that she wished she had known the members of the group sooner, and if she ever came back she certainly would be with them again. How thoughtless can we be?

When we have secured a new member, that is only the beginning of our effort. New members must be made to feel that they want to belong to the group and to help in the work. If meetings are dull and lack inspiration the new member will become discouraged. It requires meetings filled with information and enthusiasm to hold the interest of a newcomer.

We sometimes look to the older members to be the office fillers in a group. If we put newer members into office, their interest is not only deepened and their loyalty to the group ensured, but we find talent that otherwise may stay hidden for a year or two.

The whole effort of looking for, interesting and holding new members does, we must admit, take time, talent and energy. There is no easy way out. If we want to enlarge our missionary endeavour, we must be prepared to give our best to the effort. A very good theme for the coming season would be — not as Dr. Frank Laubach says "Each one teach one" — but "Each one bring one". What would be the result if we took such a theme seriously and our Missionary Society were twice as large, our givings doubled and our work multiplied accordingly?

Courtesy C.G.I.T. Committee

What Cathie Did

by

HELEN E. BRICKER

"SAY, look at all those smart insignia – are you a general or something?" Cathie stood in the doorway of the cabin, her wet bathing suit glistening in the sun.

"Nope, I'm not even a sargeant, even if I do have three chevrons on my arm." Sally gazed proudly down the left arm of her middy at the three V's displayed there.

"Well you look pretty swish with your navy shorts and white middy, anyway. What's it all about?" Cathie dived for the clothes in her suitcase.

"Oh, we're having a C.G.I.T. evening tonight after supper. We C.G.I.T. girls are going to try to convince all of you that you should have a C.G.I.T. group in your church." Sally carefully pinned her waist band in place and stood back to survey the effect in the cracked cabin mirror.

"All right – convince me. Why should we have a C.G.I.T. group at our church?" Cathie then looked thoughful as she flicked a comb through her dark hair. "How old are people supposed to be in C.G.I.T. anyway?"

"It's for 12 to 17 year old girls. Don't you have any in your Church?"

"Yes, we've got about five or six at least from 12 to 15. But some of them are in mission band, I guess, and the rest of us go to Young People's. Only it isn't much fun – they never give us younger ones anything much to do and we don't enjoy the program much either. What do you do at C.G.I.T. anyway?" Cathie came and perched on the end of Sally's bed, curling her long brown legs under the bed.

"That would be a give-away. Tonight you'll hear all about what we do at C.G.I.T. Anyway, it's great. I've been in ever since I was 12, and I'll still be there at 17 to graduate from our group.

Cathie learned a lot that night. She learned that C.G.I.T. girls have lots of fun and activity, that they really enjoy their program. They have games and singing at every meeting, and Cathie learned several new songs C.G.I.T. girls sing. Several girls told about the grand time they had doing the mission study with all kinds of skits, and interesting handwork and stories.

Then Cathie and the rest of the campers began to make easy little dolls and toys out of simple materials. They had a grand time with paper and clothes pins and cloth and paints. Afterward, they gathered the different toys together and put them into envelopes to be sent to Miss Blackwell at Montreal to give to the children of new Canadian people when they get off the boat. By the time they all sang "Taps" that evening together, as C.G.I.T. girls do, Cathie was sure that she should do something to get a new group started at home.

It wasn't so difficult either. Cathie first of all talked it over with her Sunday Church School teacher, Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis was very interested in the idea, and together they went to see their minister. He had been doing a good deal of thinking about the whole subject too. He also told Cathie and Mrs. Davis that he was very pleased they had come. He was anxious to get a group started this fall because there would be a team of workers visiting in the Presbytery in the fall who would train new leaders if they were brought to the meetings.

Cathie really started something and a new leader has been found. Mrs. Davis is going to give assistance too in every way she can. Cathie and the other teenagers are looking forward to their group, and are saving pocket-money to buy uniforms.

Have you got a C.G.I.T. group in your church to which you belong? If you have, I hope you're giving it everything you've got. If you haven't a group – maybe you could do what Cathie did.

GREETINGS from Billy the Jeep

HELLO boys and girls in Canada. You may think it is strange to hear from me — for I am calling you from India. I am here working now. I came from Canada a year ago.

My name is Willys Jeep — but you may call me Bill. I belong to the Truck family. We are well-known in Canada . . . every one of you has seen members of my family on your roads and streets. Our job in life is to carry things for people. When I came into the world in Toronto, Canada, I supposed that I would do that too — and I am — but my life is so different from my cousin Trucks that I must tell you about it.

One day last year I was waiting with my brother Trucks in a salesroom in Toronto — waiting to be bought. Of course we got to talking:

"Do you care who buys you?" one of the boys asked our big brother Two-Ton Truck.

"I expect to go with a man who was here yesterday. I think he is a miller — so I suppose I shall be carrying grain and flour. That should be alright. It will be better than having the job that cousin Stock Truck got. He has cows and pigs to carry. They say they jump all over and are hard on the springs."

"My springs are pretty stiff yet.

I wouldn't want cows jumping on them and making them quake." This was Panel Truck who had just come in all nice and shiny from being washed.

"You will never carry big loads like that" scoffed Dump – "and neither will you," he said, looking at me – " You're both too little. Now me – I'll have big stuff like heavy loads of sand and gravel. Maybe I'll help to build bridges or roads."

I felt pretty miserable – for you know I am not like you boys and girls. I don't grow. I always stay just the same size as the size I made in the factory. I thought I would never be much use – and I wondered why I was made so small.

My brother Dump Truck teased me every day—even after Two Ton and Panel left to begin their work.

Then one day the salesman came on the floor and with him were two ladies.

"This is our small Jeep Truck" he said, and they came and looked at me. "It has four-wheel drive and we can fit it with the tire you wish.

The ladies looked me over carefully.

"I think this will do very nicely" one lady said finally. "We should have seats built for the back so we can carry people if we need to."

"People" I thought – Wouldn't that be interesting – but I wonder where I would take them?

The ladies started talking to the salesman, explaining what they wanted.

"You see," one lady said, "we need a truck like this for a school in Amkhut, India. There are few good roads so we shall need the four-wheel drive and the heavier tires. They will want to be able to take people back and forth – so we need the extra seats." She went on a bit, telling the salesman when I would be needed.

India! I thought – Where is that?

"If they are going to carry people why didn't they buy me," said Station wagon.

"If they need heavy tires, why didn't they pick me" growled Dump.

I am just as good as Bill" – squeeled Pick-up.

The salesman came back with one of the garage men. "Take the jeep away and change the tires – This little number seems to have all the things those people want. He sure has some trip ahead of him – sailing to India on a large ship! It isn't every truck that has a chance to be a missionary.

A Missionary! Is that what I was going to be? A truck missionary! Well, I suppose they have things to carry in far-off lands just as they have here. And so I wondered – but one thing I knew then – there was a job for me to do – even though I was little – and by the sound of things it was an important job.

I want to tell you more boys and girls, so come back in October and I'll tell you what happened to me next.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE Synodical Executive held an open meeting in Central Church, **Vancouver,** to hear reports from the Council delegates. Mrs. R. H. Blackstock spoke of the broader vision of the work gained by a delegate and gave excerpts from the stirring devotions given each day at the meetings. Mrs. W. T. Beattie reported on the changes in By-laws and the discussion groups, emphasizing the need for planning and promoting the Leadership Training programs in the fall. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, President, informed us on the finances and estimates and gave highlights of the National and Overseas nights. All three delegates spoke of the wonderful hospitality of the Winnipeg women. Miss Hatt of Vancouver Heights Church sang two solos. Reverend S. J. Wylie of Belfast, Ireland, presently serving Central Church, brought the meeting to a close emphasizing the need for Joy in all our activities.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL — At the June meeting of the First Presbyterian Auxiliary, **Trail,** Mrs. A. J. Edmonstone, delegate to the General Council in Winnipeg, gave a full and comprehensive report of the five days' meetings. A social hour followed and the meeting was very much enjoyed by members and visitors.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — A joint meeting of Auxiliary, Evening Auxiliary and Affiliate groups of Knox Church, **Sooke,** had as their guests, members of St. Andrews Auxiliary Executive, **Victoria.** The meeting was held in the basement of their nearly completed new Church. Highlights of the evening was the splendid report of Synodical by the delegate, Mrs. J. A. McKinty.

Ten members of the **Victoria** Presbyterial Executive motored over to **Duncan** to visit the new Affiliate group there. After devotions by Reverend Lyster, Mrs. Gaines Cameron brought greetings from the Presbyterial and asked each visitor to explain briefly the work of her department. The activities of St. Andrews Affiliate group, as told by Mrs. J. A. McKinty was of special interest. Mrs. J. C. Scott, recent delegate to the Council, gave a few highlights of the meetings in Winnipeg. A social hour concluded this pleasant time together.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL— Dr. W. G. Black of the University of B.C. was the guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrews-St. Stephen, **New Westminster.** He gave a very interesting talk on the problems of citizenship. At the June meeting Mrs. Beattie and Mrs. Blackstock brought reports on the recent Council meetings at Winnipeg. A Junior Membership, gift of Mrs. A. Gendreau, was presented to Carol Ann Neilson, a C.G.I.T. member. Miss Jean McLean was presented with a Life Membership. It is a gift of the late Mr. John McKenzie. Mrs. McKenzie presented the certificate. The pin was a gift from Miss M. Scurrah and was pinned on by Miss A. Hill, President.

A worthwhile effort was marked by the members of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** when Sandra Jean Henderson, 9 years old, was presented with a Junior Membership. Sandra has had four years perfect attendance. Entirely on her own initiative she has gathered over one hundred Sunday School papers for the Crippled Children's Hospital.

ALBERTA

Mrs. L. E. Shaver, 234 - 2nd St. S.W.
Medicine Hat, Alberta,
Press Secretary

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL — A life membership certificate and pin were presented by Mrs. Jessie Anderson, "Home Helper" Secretary, to Miss Laura K. Scott at a special meeting of the Strathcona Auxiliary, **Edmonton,** at the home of Mrs. J. Dunn. Miss Scott, who teaches a distance from home, has always been a faithful Home Helper and her interest is much appreciated.

The Heather Evening Group entertained the Senior Auxiliary of Strathcona Church with a showing of slides, followed by a pleasant hour of fellowship.

The Mission Band of Westmount Church held its closing party in the Church. Parents and friends attended. The president, Gloria Rigato, led the worship service. The scripture was read by Margaret and Kerry Ironmonger, Rae Champion led in prayer. The offering was taken by Lorne Cume and Timothy Nugent. Elizabeth MacKenzie gave the offeratory prayer. A C.G.I.T. member, Noel Smith, played a piano solo. The Reverend W. T. Graham told a story. During the business meeting that followed, various members showed the song charts, world friendship map and the coloring books for Formosa which the group had made. The president welcomed the guests and thanked the groups which had assisted the Mission Band — The W.M.S., the Young Women's Mission Circle, who bought the study book; the C.G.I.T. who had been baby sitters for the leader's small girl; the Board of Managers, who had contributed to supplies and parties.

The group and their guests then played the game "Grandpa and Grandma" an Indian game. Then they divided into three groups and each presented a charade on a parable of Jesus.

Mrs. Campbell from the British and Foreign Bible Society was recently guest speaker at a meeting of the Auxiliary of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She spoke of the publication and distribution of Bibles. Her theme was "A Tiny Spark Kindles Many Fires."

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Explorers and C.G.I.T. groups held a family night recently on a Sunday evening. There was a capacity crowd. The theme of the service was "Peace". The C.G.I.T. leader, M. Lammie, was chairman. Assistant leader M. Brown and C.G.I.T. Joan Glover took the devotions and C.G.I.T. Eleanor Gaychuk told a story entitled "A Pal."

The Explorers Initiation Service was conducted by Counsellor E. Davies when ten girls were officially received into their Group.

Five Explorers were then graduated into C.G.I.T., Counsellor A. Ingram removing their red ties as they moved out of the Explorer circle. Mrs. A. MacEachern, Women's Missionary Auxiliary representative presented the girls with their C.G.I.T. ties and C.G.I. Leader, M. Lammie welcomed them into the C.G.I.T. Circle.

At the close of this service those present retired to the Church hall where the C.G.I.T. girls lead in community singing. The Explorers then put on a play entitled "Bridges a Ceremonial of Peace". All the Explorers took part dressed in appropriate costumes, each one speaking of the need of Christ in the Country they represented. To bring the pageant to a close the Explorers sang "All the Children of the World" all joining hands around a World globe which is used as their Mission bank.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — The official visit by the President of Macleod Presbyterial Mrs. G. G. Elder, to the newly organized Clara Young Mission Group of the Federation of Women at St. Andrew's Church, **Lethbridge,** took the form of a supper meeting. Groups from Jumbo Valley Ladies Aid and Dorothy Douglas group of Macleod were also guests. The special speakers were from **Medicine Hat.** Mrs. R. L. Taylor spoke on Sylvan Lake Camp. Mrs. A. Meier gave an excellent account of the Council meeting in Winnipeg and Miss M. Quickfall presented a resume of the Missionary Conference held in Toronto in February.

The Women's Federation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a pot-luck supper recently in the schoolroom of the church. Miss Molly Coupland, President of the Women's Federation presided. Mrs. William Hope welcomed the out-of-town guests from **Medicine Hat, Fort Macleod** and **Granum.** Mrs. Taylor of Medicine Hat announced the Women's week-end camp to be held in Sylvan Lake, June 25-26-27.

Mrs. A. Mier of Medicine Hat gave an interesting report on the W.M.S. Council held in Winnipeg. It was decided at the convention to urge a closer co-ordination of all church groups. Miss M. Quickfall, Deaconess of Medicine Hat Church, outlined a missionary conference held in Toronto.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring meeting of Red Deer Presbyterial was held in Red Deer with a rather small attendance owing to weather and road conditions. We were pleased to have Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss Pearsall, deaconesses with the Van in Rocky Mountain House district present. The reports from the different secretaries showed about the same as 1953, the most improvement being in Children's and Home Helpers departments. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Synodical President, gave a good report of the Council meeting held in Winnipeg. Mrs. Alexander, Presbyterial President gave a copy of Constitution and By-Laws and Hand Book for officers to all Presbyterial Secretaries and Auxiliary Presidents. Mrs. Kirkpatrick will give Mrs. Alexander a copy of her report which will then be given at all the groups the Presbyterial President visits this year.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056, Weyburn,
Press Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL —Mrs. David Rooke, a loyal member of St. James Church of **Melfort** Saskatchewan, passed away at Melfort Union Hospital on March 27th at the age of 39 years. She was an active member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary. She had been President for a number of years. She also organized the Explorers group.

The ladies from **Clouston** were the guests of the James Nisbet Auxiliary, St. Paul's Church, **Prince Albert,** at a programme recently. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Mary Galbraith on the occasion of her 93rd birthday and in recognition of her years of service as a W.M.S. member. Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Caslor led in meditation and prayer. Miss Bailey, assisted by a number of the ladies represented the work of the W.M.S. as carried on in both the Western and Eastern divisions among Chinese, Italian, French, Ukranian and other national groups.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The Ruby Walker Guild of Northside Presbyterian Church and the Edna Bell Auxiliary of First Church, **Regina** were special guests of the Jean Frances Auxiliary of **Indian Head** on June 2nd, when they held a thank-offering meeting. Mrs. J. Shaw was guest speaker and gave a very inspiring message. Ladies from Walter Martin Auxiliary of Regina, and other representatives of Regina Presbyterial were present. Miss Goertzen and Miss Foote, deaconesses were present and told of their duties.

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Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Mark St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The Mission Bands of First Presbyterian Church and Southminster Presbyterian Church held a joint meeting recently. Mrs. T. Newlands presided. Miss Carol Chiam of Formosa was the guest speaker

Miss Carol Chiam was guest speaker for the W.M.S. Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church in June. Her talk was beautifully illustrated with colored slides of Formosa which showed the great beauty of the Island and also many of the tribes and people among whom our missionaries work.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—The Thankoffering meeting of St. Johns

Auxiliary was held in the Church on Sunday evening. Miss Lyle Hyde, President, presided. The guest speaker was Mrs. C. L. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy outlined the work of the Church at home and abroad. At the close of the Service Miss McNaughton spoke of her visit to Europe where she represented the Church at an International Presbyterian Young People's conference. The talk was illustrated with beautiful pictures of Miss McNaughton's travels. Praise 381 was sung, followed by the benediction by Reverend J. D. Marnock.

The Norwood Auxiliary held a supper meeting in the Church in June. Mrs. Beaudreau, president, presided. The report of the Pre-Assembly Congress was presented by Mrs. S. V. A. Garden. The theme was "All for Christ and Christ for All." Mrs. Garden, in her remarks, said "The Church of the future depends on each individual member doing his or her part. Greetings from the Winnipeg Presbyterial were brought by the President, Mrs. Cormack-Smith. Mrs. Cormack-Smith introduced Miss Carol Chiam, student deaconess from Formosa. Mrs. J. Gibbs, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented Mrs. Richardson with a Life Membership.

Mrs. Cormack Smith presided at a meeting of the Kildonan Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. H. Macdonald. All secretaries gave brief reports on their activities. Mrs. Smith brought Missionary news. Mrs. D. W. McRae reviewed the fourth chapter of "Where-er the Sun". Mrs. E. Preston closed the meeting with prayer.

A combined meeting of Home Helpers and Auxiliary members of Kildonan Auxiliary was held in Nisbet Hall. Mrs. C. Smith presided at the short business meeting, which preceded the annual home helpers meeting and welcomed our guest speakers, Reverend P. Montgomery and Miss Carol Chiam, student deaconess from Formosa. Following this meeting Mrs. J. R. McDonald, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. Hector Macdonald. After welcoming Home Helpers and visitors, Mrs. H. Weston, Home Helpers secretary, continued with the meeting. The guest speaker, Reverend P. Montgomery, spoke briefly on the Pre-Assembly Congress.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, CHIPPAWA,
PRESS SECRETARY.

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL — One hundred and twenty-nine delegates and visitors answered roll call at the spring annual Presbyterial meeting held in **Port Elgin,** and presided over by Mrs. F. Rowand, the Presbyterial President. Reverend H. Wilson, minister of the local Church, formerly a missionary in India, brought Presbytery greetings. Reports of all officers and secretaries were most encouraging and the treasurer stated all allocations for general funds and supplies were fully met. A memorial service was held for the late Mrs. Donald MacDonald, a vice-president of the Presbyterial and former Literature Secretary of the Synodical. Mrs. MacDonald was the wife of Reverend Donald MacDonald of Tara and Allenford. Mrs. B. F. Andrew, of Hanover, closely held the attention of her audience as she spoke of the work of our church in British Guiana where her husband, Reverend B. F. Andrew served, in which work Mrs. Andrew also assisted.

In **Southampton** the Mission Band and its leaders were hostesses to the mothers and friends and a display table of handiwork showed splendid effort. Interesting slides on Jiro and Hanaki in Japan were shown.

In **Burgoyne** the W.M.S. Auxiliary had the **Southampton and Dunblane Auxiliaries** as their Thankoffering guests and each of these groups contributed a musical number. Miss M. Munro of **Port Elgin,** was the special speaker and spoke on the Christian Literature department of our W.M.S. also touching on the great literacy effort of Dr. F. Laubach in India.

At **Elsinore** the Ladies Aid and W.M.S. Auxiliary had **Allenford** and **Southampton** Societies at their Thankoffering at which Mrs. H. Wilson of **Port Elgin** spoke inspiringly on "Christ, the Hope of the World."

Mrs. J. Trelford, Southampton, Girls' Organization Secretary assisted at the regular meeting of St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., **Owen Sound** at an Affiliation Service.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Hanover** were pleased to have Mrs. F. Noel Palmer, wife of the Anglican rector there, speak to a large audience on "THE POWER OF FAITH" when the W.M.S. member recently took charge of a Church service. Mrs. Palmer stated that "dilemas bring faith into action, and Christians can never settle down to complacency, because the same love that drove Christ must drive them."

Knox Auxiliary **Walkerton** had a debate on Indian affairs as a feature of their May meeting, with members taking part in the discussion. Miss Marian Robertson gave a splendid report on the recent Presbyterial in Port Elgin.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — **Amherstburg** Auxiliary is saddended through the passing of their beloved President, Mrs. Walter Wigle, who was also a Presbyterial Vice-President, and who served as President of the Presbyterial the greater part of 1953.

DRESDEN heard Mrs. A. Hoyles bring a splendid report of the annual Synodical meeting held in Owen Sound.

Leamington honored Mrs. Edward Gillanders and contributed $5.00 toward sending a girl to a Church camp. Mrs. R. Mitchell reported talk on the recent Synodical.

Knox, **Windsor,** had their annual Home Helpers' fellowship with Mrs. W. M. Hyndman (the wife of their newly inducted minister) speaking on "Women's contribution to the work of the world." Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, **Windsor,** had an interesting meeting when several of their members presented the work of Canadian Missions. A letter from Miss Ellen Douglas was read.

The Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrews, **Windsor,** had as a visitor at a recent meeting, Miss Bessie McMurchy of the Bhil field, India. She told of the studies she is undertaking now to fit her for future work as a missionary-teacher of post-graduate work among nurses in a cooperative effort of Christian denominations in India. Mrs. Allan Farguhar, the Presbyterial Evening Department Secretary, was also a welcome visitor and spoke a few encouraging words of commendation to the members. The Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary extended the Eleanor McKechnie group an invitation to a supper meeting to hear Miss Ruth Yeandle and other workers tell of their work among the Chinese in British Columbia.

Wallaceburg Senior Auxiliary observed a moment of reverent silence at their May meeting in memory of the late Mrs. A. L. Cameron, a W.M.S. member for many years. Mrs. J. Fleming reported on the Synodical meeting.

Mrs. J. K. West of **St. Thomas,** President of London Presbyterial was guest speaker for the 25th Birthday Anniversary of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham,** May 25th. This group commenced as a C.G.I.T. and grew through the years into an evening auxiliary. Mrs. J. F. Fletcher has always been their "big sister" and three years ago they honored her by presenting her with an Honorary Life Certificate and Pin. Many tributes were paid during a Candle Lighting Ceremony.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL—The Reverend W. E. Smyth, Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery, presided at the designation service in St. Enoch's Hamilton, of the Reverend George Malcolm as a Missionary to Formosa. The reception which followed was convened by the Senior Auxiliary, assisted by members of the Evening and Y.W. Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Alex Drury, Welcome and Welfare Secretary was presented with flowers at a recent meeting in honour of her 80th birthday. Gertrude Cole spoke of her work at the Hess Street Mission in Hamilton. The Mary McK. Grant Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's **Hamilton,** entertained the C.G.I.T. at a picnic.

St. Cuthbert's Explorers, **Hamilton,** held an open meeting when a television missionary broadcast was featured. Mrs. N. Anderson, Presbyterial Children's Secretary, spoke briefly.

Through Knox Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton** enjoyed an address by Mrs. Melville Finn on Africa.

The Reverent Fred C. Mueller of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, **Hamilton** spoke on Displaced persons and Immigration at the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, **Hamilton.**

Kirkwall Senior Auxiliary held an enjoyable social evening for the congregation. They had a varied musical programme also coloured slides and talk by the Misses Muriel and Edith McMullen, Dundas, on their recent trip through Britain and Europe.

Hospital visitation and Canadian Indian Education were discussed in the form of a debate by the Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary, **West Flamboro.** Bouquets were made for the shut-in folk of the congregation.

Guests at the C.G.I.T. Banquet at New Westminster, **Hamilton,** included the grandmothers as well as the mothers. Mrs. N. Anderson, the group leader, was the speaker.

The Moore Gordon Y.W. Auxiliary, St. David's **Hamilton,** heard Reverend George Malcolm speak on Formosa. Members of the other auxiliaries were also invited as guests.

The Girls' Explorer Groups of **West Flamboro** entertained parents and friends when stars for memory work and pins for attendance were presented to 25 girls.

The **Alberton** Senior Auxiliary conducted an evening Church service with Miss Mildred Cowan, **Hamilton,** as speaker.

Miss Ruby Goupaul of British Guiana is completing studies in London, preparing to return to her native land as a missionary. She told the Margaret Allan Evening Auxiliary of St. Enoch's **Hamilton,** of the great need and a wide scope for Christian Missionaries. She spoke appreciatively of the work of the Presbyterian Church in her homeland, in Canada and in British Guiana.

Each member of St. John C.G.I.T. **Hamilton** had a mystery mother from one of the W.M.S. groups during the year. The "mothers" sponsored a party and everybody became acquainted. A re-affiliation service with the W.M.S. was held at the banquet. An award for the highest standing in Church, Sunday School and C.G.I.T. attendance, and the regular and correct wearing of the C.G.I.T. Uniform, was won by Joyce Robertson.

The Margaret Pirie Evening Auxiliary of Knox, **Dundas,** presented a Life Membership pin to Mrs. R. W. Weaver, who is moving from town. Sectional meetings proved very interesting and were well attended. The speakers at the various meetings were Mrs. Deane Johnstone, Brantford, at **Alberton;** Mrs. E. G. Barton at **Grimsby;** Mrs. M. DeGangi at **Waterdown;** Mrs. D. M. Allan at **Caledonia** and Miss Elizabeth McDonald, a missionary of the Salvation Army on furlough from India at **West Flamboro.**

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL—May Presbyterial of Maitland Presbyterial Society was held in Knox Church, **Ethel,** with afternoon and evening sessions. A very interesting and worthwhile meeting. Reports were received from meeting of Council and also from London-Hamilton Synodical. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Kennedy of **Whitechurch** for long, faithful service.

The Guest speaker, Miss Bessie McMurchy, Reg.N. held the attention of all with her interesting report of her work in India.

The **Bluevale** Presbyterian W.M.S. held their spring thankoffering meeting with the president, Mrs. E. Nichol, presiding. The guest speaker, Mrs. Ritchie,

Seaforth, developed their lives of service and the inspiration in those lives for W.M.S. members to continue the great work of missionary endeavour.

The Annual Home Helpers meeting of the **Bluevale** W.M.S. had Mrs. Horace Aitchison, **Wingham,** as their guest speaker. She took as her theme the "Christian Pilgrimage". She stated that we should make our pilgramage by prayer for without prayer we have little power.

Teeswater Auxiliary celebrated its 75th Anniversary with over 200 members and friends from surrounding auxiliaries present to hear Mrs. G. S. Baulch, Maitland Presbyterial President speak on "Women of the Bible." Highlights of the program was the presentation of a pageant depicting all the former presidents of the Society while Mrs. Duncan Keith read the history. Five past presidents were present and the present president, Mrs. Steel occupied the chair and was honoured with the presentation of a Life Membership pin. Devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Stobo, Mrs. W. Ballagh and Mrs. A. G. Reid. Knox Church choir provided the music.

Greetings were received from Rev. A. J. Simpson of Knox Church, Andrew Wallace of the Session, Mrs. Mowbray of Wingham, from Hamilton and London Synodical; Mrs. A. MacWhinney, Presbyterial historian, Mrs. J. Little, a past President and Mrs. Edwards, daughter of one of the early presidents, Mrs. James Malcolm.

Members of the C.G.I.T. acted as ushers.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—It has long been a custom of **Niagara-On-The-Lake** Auxiliary to have a festive June meeting when Strawberries seem at their best, before closing for the busy summer months of farm activity in this garden spot of Canada. Such a W.M.S. gathering was the setting when Mrs. J. M. Dickson, St. David's first Vice-President of Niagara Presbyterial, addressed the ladies. Mrs. J. J. McLean, of St. Catharines, district President, also was present and extended W.M.S. District Greetings.

Miss Elizabeth Dick, who dearly loved W.M.S. work, and who was a former President of the **Welland** W.M.S. was called home by a loving Father after a period of illness. Many W.M.S. and Presbyterial friends will miss her.

Then too, we pay tribute to Mrs. J. C. Wood, 2nd Vice-President of Niagara Presbyterial, who passed away in St. Catharines hospital from pneumonia. Mrs. Wood was for many years a member of Council Executive, being formerly the Secretary on Council for our Chinese work in Canada.

The members of Knox Church, W.M.S. Auxiliary, **St. Catharines,** suffered a great loss in the sudden passing of their President, Mrs. J. C. Wood on the first of June. A life-long resident of the Niagara district, except for a short period in Toronto, she was an ardent church worker and for some years was Council Executive Secretary for the Chinese in Canada. Her wide interest in Church affairs and her sterling character won the admiration and respect of all who knew her.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL—The Spring Thankoffering of Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Brantford,** took the form of a family night and was attended by men, W.M.S. members and congregational friends. The topic, "Retaining the Heritage of our Fathers" was taken by Mrs. W. R. Ronald. Members from the Mission Band and a Sunday School class contributed items on the program. Two W.M.S. members, Mrs. R. Ward and Mrs. A. Lambert, were honoured for their work.

The **Mount Pleasant** W.M.S. at their Thankoffering had as their guests, members of the W.M.S. from St. Paul's Church, **Simcoe.** Mrs. Murray McIntyre, Simcoe, gave a review of Mission work at home and abroad.

St. Paul's Mission Circle, **Simcoe,** observed a happy Birthday occasion April 26th, marking the 45th milestone of their Society. A highlight of this was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership Certificate and pin to Miss Clara Hoag, a beloved member of the Circle who was also the secretary of the first Mission group.

The Missionary groups of St. Paul's **Simcoe,** together with the C.G.I.T. and W.M.S. visitors from **Jarvis** and **Port Dover,** gathered in the Church to meet and hear Miss Margaret Kennedy. Her sincerity and interesting stories of her work among the villagers in the Bhil Field kept her audience captivated.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — **Mooretown** W.M.S. June meeting was held at the home Mrs. Alex MacPherson, with a good attendance. Mrs. J. Turnbull, President, presided. Ten of our members attended the sectional meeting and after the business some very fine reports of this meeting were given.

Miss Anne MacEachern, Regional Secretary, addressed all the four sectional meetings held in Sarnia Presbyterial in May, taking as her theme, "Is it worth while?" She told of work being accomplished in Canada, India, Formosa and British Guiana. Splendid programs were arranged for the meetings held in **Strathroy, Camlachie, Napier** and **Paterson** Memorial, **Sarnia.** Delegates and officers reported highlights of the Synodical meeting in Owen Sound and Mrs. G. A. Dewar, Presbyterial President, brought interesting items from the more recent Council meeting in Winnipeg. The total attendance was 238, and roll call response showed representatives from all centres. There was a good display and sale of Literature at all the various sectional meetings.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Thornbury,** had a special service in which they became affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Sixty ladies and girls were present.

In charge of the Candle Lighting service was Wanda Brown, president of the C.G.I.T. Assisting her were Mrs. J. W. Bell of Duntroom, Girls' Organizations Secretary for the Presbyterial; Mrs. Ewart Boyd, President of the W.M.S. and Mrs. Howard Smith, C.G.I.T. leader.

Mrs. Jean Lougheed, on behalf of the W.M.S. presented the girls with their Missionary Affiliation badges.

Following the service, a story-telling contest, in which each of the 14 girls took part, was much enjoyed.

The high school girls and public school girls were judged in separate groups. The judges were Mrs. Laverne Breadner, Mrs. John Johnston, and Mrs. J. W. Bell.

Wanda Brown was the winner in the senior group and in the junior group the prize was awarded to Catherine Harvey. Framed mottoes were given as prizes and were presented by Mrs. Robert Walker, on behalf of St. Paul's Ladies Aid.

Mrs. G. E. Wright, representing the Willing Workers Auxiliary commended the girls for their story telling and presented each girl with her C.G.I.T. pin.

The Annual Rally of Barrie Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Huntsville,** with a splendid attendance. The theme of the Rally was "Look on The Fields."

Mrs. William McEachern of **Orillia,** Presbyterial President, extended words of welcome and said "The word "Rally" means recover. We are to lift our eyes upward and receive refreshment of spirit so necessary for our work." Mrs. A. J. Butt of **Huntsville** also extended words of welcome.

Mrs. E. Bell, **Gilford,** Mrs. M. Kinnear, **Midland,** and Mrs. J. R. Moore, **Hillsdale,** gave fine reports on the Synodical meeting held in **Barrie.**

Miss Fern Birch, **Huntsville,** who is a first year student at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in Toronto told of her studies and of how she enjoyed the worship, study and fellowship there.

Mrs. John Bell, **Duntroon,** Girls Organization secretary led a brief discussion on Girls' work.

Mrs. J. A. MacInnis of Orillia gave a brief history of Barrie Presbyterial at the afternoon session. Mrs. A. C. Stewart of Midland introduced the guest speaker, Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., of Taipei, Formosa. Catherine Harvey, **Thornbury** and Joyce Chester, **Orillia,** winners of the story-telling contest were each given an award of one week at Glen Mohr Camp.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — The Iris Errey Auxiliary of **Galt** celebrated their 20th Anniversary in the school room of Knox Church. Former members from **Guelph, Toronto, Kitchener, Simcoe, Ayr, St. Catherines,** and **Branchton** attended. Mrs. Hunter of Simcoe, one of the organizers of the auxiliary said a few words. Mrs. R. Stewart, the first director of religious education, brought greetings and wished the auxiliary a bright future. Mrs. Roy Black, President of Guelph Presbyterial W.M.S. brought greetings. Mrs. Duncan Allan of Hamilton was the guest speaker and spoke of the need of thankfulness in little things, which also brighten the work in which we are engaged. A plea was made to make use of missionary talks and information of the missionary field of work.

The Spring Rally of Guelph Presbyterial W.M.S. was held in **Preston** with around one hundred in attendance. The theme was "The Royal Command". Mrs. Hilborn extended greetings to the visiting members. Reports by the department secretaries were given and splendid reports of the Annual Synodical meeting held in Barrie by Mrs. Horace Shaw and Mrs. J. D. Cleghorn. "Opportunity Unlimited" — a series of slides showing opportunities in Western Canada, were shown. Mrs. Sheppard of **Galt** introduced the speaker, Reverend R. A. Jackson of Knox's Galt. His subject was Irish Women's Missionary Society.

Miss H. Hermanson, Formosa missionary nurse; was guest speaker at a special meeting of Duff's **Puslinch** W.M.S. to which societies from neighboring congregations and the Presbytery were invited. She said she was especially interested in speaking to this gathering because Reverend J. D. Gordon of Duff's is the son of a fellow missionary, Reverend and Mrs. Moore Gordon, and it is also the home church of Miss Geraldine Greer, teacher in Tamsui Girls School and Miss Greer's family.

Even without this link with Formosa Miss Hermanson would have given her audience a most enlightening, interesting and entertaining talk. "Our Neighbors" was the theme of her address and after a resume of Presbyterian work she told of the work in Formosa. Opportunities are greater now and she believes more can be accomplished by sending specialized workers — doctors to heal, nurses to guard health — agriculturalists for food — household science teachers . . .

Formosa is now a bastion against Communism and many Chinese flee there. They must find an answer to their problems and there should be qualified missionaries ready for the task. These missionaries train natives who spread among their friends what they have heard and learned.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — Under the leadership of the Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Wallace Beaverton, the Mission Bands of Lindsay Presbyterial held their annual rally in St. Andrew's Church, **Kirkfield.** "Sunbeams for Jesus" was their theme.

Mrs. Bailey, President, Kirkfield Auxiliary, welcomed the 110 present. Bands attended from **Beaverton, Bolsover, Cresswell, Fenelon Falls, Gamebridge, Glenarm, Kirkfield, Leaskdale** and **Woodville.**

Mrs. W. W. Finney, **Lindsay,** brought greetings from Presbyterial. Mrs. Wood of **Cresswell,** told an African Children's story.

An interesting exchange of ideas was

enjoyed when each leader told or showed samples of their special projects.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL—St. Andrew's W.M.S. of **Parry Sound** held a very pleasant evening when the C.G.I.T. were affiliated with the W.M.S. The impressive service was led by Mrs. Cochran, leader of the group. Mrs. A. Ridgers and Mrs. Morrison took the service for the W.M.S. and presented each girl with a C.G.I.T. badge. After the service coloured slides of Japan and Formosa were shown.

The Magnetawan W.M.S. Auxiliary, with Mrs. Skarda in charge, took the Church Service in Knox Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Schade and Mrs. Nelson read the Scripture and Mrs. Fairbrother brought the message.

Mrs. Paul Newton of the Magnetawan Auxiliary of **North Bay,** President of North Bay and Algoma Presbyterial, was the speaker at a regular meeting. Mrs. Fairbrother, President, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Newton's message was one of hope and encouragement for all who labor in the W.M.S. work.

The Chinese Women's Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Sudbury,** had a special meeting late in May. The occasion was a one-day visit of Chinese church workers from Vancouver, namely Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Young, Grace Lee and Mr. Ronnie Con. Reverend James S. Roe welcomed the visitors and Mrs. H. Young, President of the Chinese Women's group presided. Each visitor gave a short talk in English and Chinese. Mrs. H. Young entertained the visitors at a Chinese dinner in her home the same evening. A tour of the city was also enjoyed by the visitors.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—The Annual Rally of Orangeville Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Grand Valley.** All reports showed a successful year's work. The Home Helpers' group with Mrs. H. Tucker of **Ceylon** as secretary was outstanding, and visits increased over a half and membership tripled. Subscriptions to Glad Tidings doubled. Mrs. D. Sinclair introduced the guest speaker, Miss Margaret Kennedy of Jobat, India, who gave us an inspiring message about her work there and the great need for help. Mrs. R. D. Fraser of **Dundalk,** President of Presbyterial, presided and Mrs. Gordon Coutt, **Conn,** installed the officers.

The Annual Rally of the Children's Department of **Orangeville** Presbyterial was held in Erskine Presbyterian Church, **Dundalk** when 155 children, parents and friends registered.

Groups were present from **Boothville, Swinton Park, Maple Valley, Ventry, Feversham, Orangeville, Waldemar, Grand Valley, Priceville,** and **Dundalk.** Mrs. John D. Wilson, Presbyterial Secretary of the Children's Department, presided for a very interesting program. Reverend D. R. Sinclair welcomed everyone to Erskine.

The highlights of the program was "A Story of a Missionary" and six girls very ably told of the missionary of their choice. Nancy Carson, **Boothville,** told of Reverend James Dickson; Donna Frook, **Priceville,** Reverend and Mrs. Gordon. Mary Elizabeth Haw, **Swinton Park,** Reverend and Mrs. Paul Rumball; Sylvia Galbraith, **Dundalk,** Miss Bessie McMurchy; Eleanor Nute, **Orangeville,** Miss Margaret Kennedy and Mildred Rayburn, **Orangeville,** Mrs. Agar.

Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Presbyterial President, presented prizes to the winners and also to the winners of the Junior project which was crayon work. A sound film of the story of the Lost Sheep was shown by Mr. Sinclair.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL—The Toronto East Presbyterial held their 39th Annual Meeting, Section 2, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Scarboro.** The morning session opened at 10:30 presided by Miss M. G. Summerville, district Vice-President, who spoke on "The Royal Law"; James 2:8 — "Thou Shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." A panel discussion, led by Mrs. J. A. Newstead, assisted by Department secretaries, was the highlight of the morning. Gratifying reports from **Scarboro, Agincourt, Markham** and **Stouffville** were read. An address was given by Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto-Kingston Synodical Society, who brought valuable information from Council held in Winnipeg.

An evening Church service for leaders and girls of East Presbytery was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church. Reverend William McBride addressed the girls on "True Loyalty".

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL Section No. 1, Toronto West Women's Missionary Society held their 39th Annual Meeting in St. Andrew's Church, **Port Credit,** using "Light" as its theme; "Ye are the Light of the World", Matthew 5:14. Mrs. Roy Young of Port Credit extended words of welcome. A feature of the meeting was a discussion with Presbyterial officers. Mrs. Curr, President of Toronto-Kingston Synodical and Mrs. R. B. Ledingham, President of Toronto West Presbyterial were speakers.

Nashville Evening Auxiliary entertained the Afternoon Auxiliary as well as the Ladies from Central and Kleinburg United churches. Mrs. R. Cain presided. Mrs. G. Agar, home from the Bhil Field, was the guest speaker.

Section 3 of Toronto West Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society held their 38th annual meeting in St. Pauls' Vaughan, with a morning session at 10:30 a.m. and an afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. The morning theme was "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Speakers of this session were Mrs. R. B. Ledingham, President of Toronto West Presbyterial and Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical. The afternoon session had as its theme "Be Ye Strong in the Lord". The honored speaker, and highlight for the day was Dr. Cameron, Moderator of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. T. L. Williams of **King,** Vice-President of Section 3, was in the chair.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. H. Graham, **South Mountain,** President of Brockville Presbyterial presided over a well attended and highly successful Presbyterial Annual meeting which was held in St. Pauls Church, **Winchester.** "Our Great Commission" was the theme which was followed during both sessions.

Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, **Winchester,** very warmly welcomed the guests to St. Pauls. Reports from various departmental secretaries all showing increased interest in the work. Mrs. Graham, who had just returned from Council meetings in Winnipeg brought very helpful suggestions for all departments. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Hospital visitor from Montreal. She gave a most interesting address on her work and expressed thanks for parcels sent to her from the Auxiliaries for distribution at Christmas. Mrs. E. Larson, Past President, was presented with an Honorary Certificate in appreciation of her faithful service during the past four years.

Mrs. William Knox of **Moose Creek** was guest speaker at the 64th annual thankoffering of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of **Morewood.** Guests from **Crysler, Finch, Moose Creek, Chesterville, Winchester, Dunbar** and **Morewood** United W.M.S. attended. Mrs. W. C. Hunter presided. The speaker chose as her topic "An unpaid debt". Morewood Auxiliary was organized in 1890. There are two charter members living, Mrs. Alex. Dillabough of **Ormond** and Mrs. Robert Rainey, **Chesterville.**

Ventnor Auxiliary of the W.M.S. had Mrs. Graham as guest speaker for their Easter Thankoffering meeting. She showed slides on the story of Easter with appropriate comments.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs.Alpin MacGregor, President of Glengarry Presbyterial presided over the 40th annual rally held in St. Columba's Church, **Kirk Hill.** Words of welcome were extended by Mrs. Sadie McCuaig. Reports were given by Mrs. Millar, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Boyd, treasurer. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. A. N. Riley, Vice-President, who is leaving Cornwall and will be unable to continue her duties. Miss Margaret Kennedy, returned missionary from the Bhil Field, India, was guest speaker and her subject was "Man and God were joined by Christ."

During a brief Memorial Service Mrs. McKillican paid tribute to the late Mrs. Preston of **Vankleek Hill.** Mrs. Boyd reported the banner for the Mission Band contest had been awarded to St. Andrews Church, **Lancaster.** Mrs. Alpin MacGregor reported on the Annual Council Meeting which she attended in Winnipeg. The Reverend H. F. Funston of Vankleek Hill presided at the evening session and the address "Looking Forward" was given by the Reverend N. F. Sharkey, B.A. of Lancaster.

LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL — The Spring executive meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial was held in St. Andrews Church, **Carleton Place.** The President, Mrs. H. Barker of **Smith Falls,** presided. Reports were given by the secretaries of the various departments and the treasurer, Mrs. J. Culhane, reported an increase in givings over this time last year. A discussion took place on leadership training institute to be held in the fall in this Presbyterial. Reports on the Synodical meetings held in Cornwall were given by Mrs. Corliss of Smiths Falls and Mrs. S. Lindsay, **Lochwinnoch.**

An Easter thankoffering meeting of Dr. Margaret O'Hara Evening Auxiliary to the W.M.S. was held in the Kirk Hall, **Renfrew.**

Mrs. Gordon Anderson welcomed guests from **Cobden, Lochwinnoch, Stewartville** and **White Lake** Auxiliaries and **Renfrew** C.G.I.T. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale who is W.M.S. hospital visitor in Montreal. She gave a very inspiring address.

The Annual Sectional meeting was held in **Lochwinnoch** Church in May. The programme was based on the theme "Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever". Representatives were present from **Arnprior, Dewars, Renfrew, Stewartville, White Lake** and **Lockwinnoch.** Mrs. H. Cochrane, first Vice-president, Arnprior, presided and Mrs. H. Baker, **Smith Falls,** Presbyterial President, spoke briefly. A question and discussion period brought forth important information pertaining to the W.M.S. work. The roll call was answered by naming a missionary and something about the work in her particular field. Mrs. L. L. Lindsay, Lochwinnoch, gave an excellent report of Synodical meetings held in Cornwall. The guest speaker was Mrs. G. Ritchie of **Almonte,** whose address was entitled "Our lost Opportunities."

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—The June meeting of Knox Crescent and Kensington Auxiliary W.M.S. was a special "Membership Day."

Through the efforts of Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, her committee and the generosity of Auxiliary and members of the congregation, it was possible to honour six members who have rendered valuable service to the missionary cause and also to remember two beloved members who have passed away during the year.

Honorary Membership certificates were presented to Miss Margaret Kennedy, our missionary in India, to Miss Mary MacKenzie and to Miss Mary and Miss Agnes Parker.

Added to the roll of Life members were the names of Mrs. C. B. Christianson and Mrs. G. W. Holden.

The In Memoriams were to Mrs. John MacDowall and to Miss Jean Baillie.

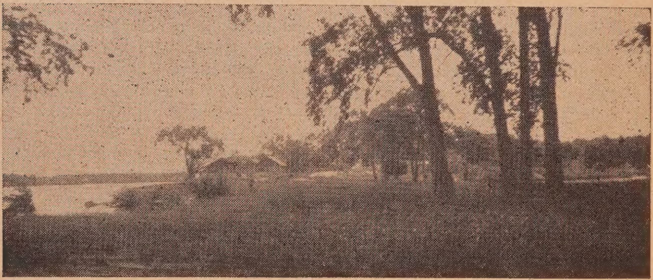
OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — The W.M.S. of **Vernon** Presbyterian Church entertained the Home Helpers at the home of Mrs. R. D. Campbell. The Home Helpers history was given by Mrs. R. D. Campbell. A contest "Mothers of the Bible" conducted by Mrs. Cameron was won by Mrs. S. Fisher. Mrs. W. Dow gave a short resume of the Pre-Assembly Congress held in Toronto recently.

The Home Helpers of St. Giles W.M.S. held their annual tea at the home of the Reverend Dr. J. and Mrs. Logan-Vencta; Mrs. A. Ian Burnett reported on Council meetings which she attended in Winnipeg.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL — The 40th Annual Meeting of the Quebec Presbyterial was held in St. Pauls Church, **Scotstown.** The President, Mrs. George Stevenson presided. Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Alex. Murray, Scotstown.

Reports showed all departments active, special mention was made of the Welcome and Welfare Department, also Supply Dept. There has been a slight increase in Glad Tidings subscriptions. It is hoped that more work can be done among the teen-agers. The treasurer's report showed an increase over last year. Mrs. Philip Boy reported on the Synodical meetings held in Cornwall, Ont. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. E. Boyd of **Asbestos** in memory of Mrs. W. E. MacIver of Melbourne, Mrs. J. Sawyer of **Sherbrooke** and Mrs. Peter MacDonald of **Milan.** Special tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. O. R. Campbell of Montreal, one time President of Quebec Presbyterial. The guest speaker, Miss Margaret Kennedy told of her interesting work among the Bhils and Hindus. Mrs. W. E. Baker of Montreal spoke briefly and conducted the question box period.

The St. Andrew's Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of the W.M.S. **Sherbrooke,** held their Thankoffering meeting in the church hall with the ladies of the other societies as their guests. A film, "The Second Chance" was shown.



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Editorial

AT a conference not long ago, a resolution was brought to a plenary session that Canadian Mission Boards make more information about missions available to lay members of the Church and that the questions and problems confronting the Churches concerning missions be not kept from the supporting membership. This resolution came after four days of discussion during which the delegates to the conference heard ideas and plans about which they were able to think and make comments. The delegates thought that if they could face mission problems more frequently — if they knew the pros and cons of mission programmes — that the mission endeavour would be more productive.

There were those at the conference who objected to the resolution — believing that it was not possible for the lay membership to "take" all the problems — particularly if there were times when progress was slow, or results negative in the endeavour of the Church.

The discussion which ensued over this one resolution set us thinking! What *is* the reaction of the lay member of a missionary society to missions policy? How much does she know or care about the things that happen in home and overseas missions? Our feeling is that those who know care a great deal. Then the question comes: How many want to know, how many are able to take both good and bad in the mission story? How many of us realize that where there is progress there must also be problems — sometimes serious problems to be overcome?

Again, this writer is becoming convinced that the lay member *is* concerned and that an increasing number are willing to expend time and energy in order that they may be able to serve in a most important way in the Service of the Church. There is no doubt that prayer made out of deep conviction and concern is the most powerful aid any individual can give.

Then the question comes! How can the necessary information be obtained?

It is true that for several and obvious reasons all the detailed problematical information is not available to the public. But, again, this writer feels that the basic questions of the day are put before the Society membership and by your mission board. These next several issues of Glad Tidings could be an example of how you receive those questions and how you treat them. Within the pages are reports of several conferences — several of world-wide importance. Several of interest more especially to Canadians. We know that there are those who will probably turn the magazine aside and say "This is too dull — let's get something interesting and alive. Who wants to read of a conference that happened months ago?"

But it is through these conferences and conference reports that the issues before the world are made known. It is at such conferences as we have had this summer that men and women from all parts of the world have an opportunity to state their opinions and share their vision of world mission. Here you have before you the problems facing the World Church. It is this writer's opinion that these issues of Glad Tidings might well form a study for any Auxiliary and for Young people's groups.

It would be interesting and informative, as well as entertaining, to have the reports of the World Council of Churches, the Pan Presbyterian Alliance, the Canadian Institute on Overseas Missions and the Pre Assembly Conferences analysed. The basic issues taken out and the same questions discussed as men and women discussed them at the conferences. When you have reached your conclusion on such subjects as the unity of the Protestant Churches and the lay man as a missionary you could check them against the conclusions your conference reporter recorded. Thus you become a part of the World Church discussing the same questions, facing some of the same difficulties. When you have that you will realize as never before your importance as an individual. You will be interested as never before in the work of the Church.

Even if this cannot be done in a group, you can, yourself, sort out the questions which are vital to the Church today.

Adding to this information, comments on Church activity and articles on home and foreign affairs in the secular press, you can become an active participant in World affairs. One of the things you will discover if you have not already discovered it is the place the Christian faith could and should play in world affairs, if Christians all over the world took their full responsibility.

Our Society is attempting to draw you, the individual member, into as full a discussion of mission affairs, as possible. The method suggested for mission study last year and this, the discussion which took place at the Training Institute, and the Council Meeting have all indicated the trend in our work and the sharing of problems (It was interesting to note in this month's Synodical news that Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, enjoyed working out problems which could trouble missionaries.)

So, as Presbyterian women we do have the opportunity to share in the issues facing the Presbyterian Church today, at home and abroad. As we share more and more through discussion, through interest, and prayer, a deeper fellowship will develop among us all. Not only will we, as individuals benefit, but our influence will be felt all over the world.

Prayer

As we come into Thy Presence, — who art King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, we claim Thy promise to draw nigh to those who draw nigh to Thee. We come, trusting in no merit of our own; but in that of our Blessed Redeemer, who has opened the way of approach to Thee for us.

As we pray for the spread of Thy gospel throughout all the world, give to us increasing consciousness of our individual share in this great task that all we have, and are, may be dedicated to Thee for its fulfilment.

We would pray especially, today, for China in these troubled times. We thank Thee that Thy church there still lives, and grows: "Kept by the Power of God" — May she be increasingly conscious of Thy presence; and protecting care. Fulfil Thy promise to Thy suffering servants that they will not be tested beyond their strength; but that Thou wilt provide the way of escape for them.

We remember, especially, the Christian Leaders, many of whom lack the material necessities of life. We pray that, out of Thine abundant riches, Thou wilt supply all their needs — may they daily learn precious lessons of the power of God to do this.

May Thy Holy Spirit live victoriously through them; that strength comfort and hope, may come to their people.

Bless and protect, all missionaries still in China. Open the way before them, step by step, and give to them the constant consciousness of Thy keeping care and guidance — Forbid that we should sin against the Lord, and fail them, by ceasing to pray for them; and for all Thy children in these testing days — May they come forth as pure gold.

We ask all in the Name of Him "who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think."

Amen.

Report of Conference in Winnipeg

by MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

FROM England, India, Japan and Brazil came representatives to give leadership at the first Canadian Institute on Overseas Missions sponsored by the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches. Meeting in St. John's College, Winnipeg, the Institute gave an opportunity for delegates to hear, discuss and analyse the problems arising in Overseas missions today.

Miss Gwenyth Hubble, Principal of Carey Hall, Selley Oak, Birmingham, England, a training college for missionaries; Rt. Reverend Philipose Mar Chrysostom, Bishop of Mar Thomas Church, South India; Mr. R. D. Paul, Secretary of the Church of South India; Bishop Yashiro, presiding Bishop of the Church of England in Japan; Mr. George Mota, Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in South America, were the guests and leaders who made possible achievement of the purpose of the Institute. (Reverend James Puxley is Executive Secretary of the D.O.M. —Reverend Hillyer is the Chairman.)

One of the main topics discussed was the change that is necessary in the thinking of the Christians to Overseas Missions. No longer can we think of missionaries going forth to wildernesses of heathenism. They are going to establish churches in countries where great economic problems and social changes are under way or have already taken place. No longer can we think of the missionary as director of his or her missionary work — we must realize that churches have been established in most of the countries where the West now sends missionaries and missionaries from the West now go as advisors and partners in the work of the local Church. They share with native traders the responsibility of the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ.

If we fully realize this change we must realize the necessary change in the outlook of the missionary, and in the training he or she must receive before assuming even greater responsibility than the missionary a generation ago faced.

This thinking led to the question: "Who is the Missionary — the man or woman who goes forth to preach the Gospel or to teach and to heal in the name of Jesus Christ – or you, the lay Christian, as you witness daily in your life at work and at play?"

Changes in requirements on overseas fields necessitate changes in methods, which all members of the sending churches need to understand. We need to realize, that as the churches overseas develop that they will become more and more responsible for the handling of money and in deciding policy. Such changes need to be truly understood by the people in the "Western World". And they will be, Bishop Chrysostom believes, if we truly love our fellow men in the countries where we seek to serve with Missionary enterprise.

The changing world – and our understanding of the changes and the place the Christian Church must take in the New World were roughly the basic subjects discussed by the delegates to this first Institute on Overseas Missions to be held in Canada.

India is a well-known example of the economic and social revolution taking place in the world today. Mr. R. D. Paul, General Secretary of the Church of South India, spoke about his country and the changes taking place. He clearly indicated that the revolt taking place was for a new independent country reflecting the great cultural heritage.

Mr. Paul stated that Christianity is thoroughly discredited because it has failed to prevent warfare and disagreement even among primitives. Yet, Christianity has given much to India, and can give much more. .

If in this changing world the Christian Church is to have the influence it must have if we are to have peace . . . If the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be spread in non-Christian areas . . . then there must be a change in our thinking about missionary work. "God calls men and women to be His – entirely at His disposal and to live with Him in His world." Miss Gwenyth Hubble went on to elaborate her belief that the calling "to be in Christ involves in every man – the call to missions. This applies to both the Church community and to the individual." This means that the layman's responsibility is just as great as that of the trained church worker. Thus, each individual should ask himself: "Am I going to work as a paid servant of the Church?" If he decides not, then he must find the job in which he is fitted to make a contribution. The Christian in his daily work, can preach the Christian gospel through his attitude to his work and his play. The trained church worker does not have such an opportunity to make known the Christian gospel through living a Christian life.

The significance of this thinking for the layman is obvious. The trained Church worker should be allowed to give his or her time to teaching the layman, helping him to understand his place in God's Kingdom and assist him to assume his responsibilities. Such should be the task of the professional Church worker, to direct both at home and abroad.

The Institute delegates were willing to take the responsibility of urging mission boards to make changes necessary in choosing and training mission staff to meet the changing needs in overseas fields. They realized that part of the layman's responsibility is to understand that boards must make significant changes in their policy. For the Church of Tomorrow will exist in India, Japan, Brazil — in all the world — and each country will have its own people directing the Church's work. This means that today the Western Mission Boards must be willing to train native leaders, must be willing to hand over responsibility, both economic and organizational, to the young Churches to handle themselves. At the same time they must be willing to work as partners — sending men and women who will work with the native Church.

The Institute delegates agreed that it is necessary for us all to understand these changes, if we are to support our missionaries abroad in their new and more responsible duties.

Bishop Chrysostom looked forward to a very good future for the Church in India. Bishop Yashiro gave very telling proof of the power of such love to remove barriers as he spoke of the reception he received as he toured enemy countries shortly after World War II. His trip of goodwill was a miracle indeed. As he reviewed the trials the Church had endured through the past decades in his country; as he described the present situation of the Church in Japan, where all is not as smooth running as it could be; he was able to look ahead — past human frailties, to Christ, Himself. "Only the shining love of our Lord, as shown on the Cross, is able to restore unity and beauty in our Society, and peace in our Souls."

Love must be the keynote of our thinking as we consider the Church in South America. Mr. George Mota of Brazil described the work which is being attempted in the Protestant Church in his and other countries of that Southern continent. Faced with persecution motivated by the very antithesis of love — the Christian Church in South America is being led slowly, but surely, to make its witness of love of Jesus Christ and of the redemption through Him without fear or superstition.

The Institute delegates, in summing up the thoughts expressed, were eager that action be taken so that the Canadian Protestant Church may be able to take its fair share in the development of the Christian Church throughout the world.

Christian Literature for India

by

LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

THIS year we are to study India, that vast and ancient land of diverse peoples and age-old traditions which is so rapidly awakening to its needs and forging ahead to its opportunities. That it is now conceded to be the leading nation in Asia, with an important strategic influence definitely acknowledged in the changing world of today and its possible future developments. Throughout these 361,000,000 people, whose yearly increase is estimated to be five million is sweeping the great tidal wave of Literacy. Nehru has decreed that all of India's millions will be literate by 1970. In this generation alone, at least 100,000,000 of India's people have learned to read and write. In this, through our support of the Literacy Campaigns and the work of Dr. Frank Laubauch and his helpers in providing Literacy Charts in almost all the languages of India, and in producing the much-needed Christian literature which must follow such campaigns if they are to be of any value, our W.M.S. has been privileged to help at least a little through the grants which we give each year.

Literally, everyone who possibly can, is reading in India today; eagerly reaching out for every bit of reading matter which comes his way, and forming his opinions and viewpoints largely from what he reads. And what is he finding to read, this new literate who is so anxious to learn, but has so little background of knowledge and experience by which to make his comparisons and decisions? It may well be some of our good Christian literature which comes into his life to guide and help him, but the chances are not very high that it will be, because the Christian Church is not yet producing and circulating nearly as much of this literature as it should, whereas the Communist literature from Russia is constantly flooding India and the whole East with expertly-prepared reading matter of every kind, all written on the most pertinent and interesting subjects, and presented with all the cunning and deceptive appeal of Communist propaganda everywhere.

This type of literature from Russia comes into India tax-free as "educational literature", and so it can be produced and sold much more cheaply than we can do. Book stalls filled with these most attractive books and periodicals, well illustrated and printed on good paper, are everywhere that people gather — at fairs and festivals, markets, and stations, along the busy roadsides. Many of them are given away free; all are priced far below cost. This is the abundant and insidious literature with which the new literate is surrounded, but it need not be the first to reach him if the Christian Church recognizes the urgency of this challenge and is determined to provide the literature which tells of Christ and the Christian way of life, and to have it there in quantities everywhere that people have learned to read and write. Nothing could be more important right now to the Christian impact upon India, and the coming influence of India upon the world affairs of the future, than that a constant supply of books, periodicals and pamphlets, cheaply-priced and well-written in simple vocabularies, should be always available on every newstand and book-stall to interpret the Christian answers to Communism. That is what the Church is earnestly seeking to provide, and that is why we, as members of that Church and workers in the Women's Missionary Society, are so eager to help in this vast project, both with our givings and our prayers.

The National Christian Council of India, to which we send a grant of $400.00 each year, has produced great quantities of good Christian literature and circulated it in many types and dialects for 150 years, and has been a great Christian influence in thousands of India's homes. Good books on many topics bearing on home life and Christian faith are translated, and native writers are helped and given every opportunity to write for their own people. A list of publications of recent months includes — Secret of a Happy Christian Home; Before The Throne of Grace, a weekly cycle of Devotions for use in Church and home; Christian Marriage and Family Planning; What The Bible Means to Me; Christ, The Hope of the World; In The Days of Thy Youth, devotions for quiet times at camp and conferences for young people; Looking Ahead In Christian Youth Work. Many of these are written by native Christians and all are typical of the fine type of Christian literature produced through the National Christian Council of India.

The Christian Home Magazine goes out quarterly into some 5000 homes and to this we send a yearly grant of $1000.00. It is published in English as well as twelve vernaculars, and is closely linked with the Christian Home and Christian Youth Movement which is of such vital importance in India, since the growth of a strong indigenous Church must depend upon the establishment of truly Christian homes. Inspiration, teaching and example are always strong in its pages toward the building of happy marriages, Christian homes and family life. It is edited by a brilliant young Indian girl, Miss Irene Singh of Jodhpur, who was the first student of the foreign religious journalism programme at the University of Syracuse, and who continues the fine work of promoting Christian Home Festivals, or Home and Family Weeks with all phases of Christian home-life as the theme. Much of the material used in The Christian Home Magazine is used, by permission, in the native regional magazines, and thus the field of influence constantly widens.

Through our grant of $300. to the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission fields, we help also with the publication and circulation in India of "The Treasure Chest", which is now in its 38th year, and dearly beloved by all the young people who read it. It is published in seven of the Indian languages as well as English, and finds its way into many non-Christian homes as well as Christian, since it is accepted and used in many schools. The young Indian girl who edits this magazine, Miss Vimala Rajamanickam of Bangalore, also came to Syracuse for her special course in Journalism. Stories, biographies, Bible lessons, text-finding competitions, medical articles, homemaking helps, pictures and writing contests — these are but a few of the interesting things found in every issue, all planned with the Christian viewpoint and interpretation and combined with the fun and knowledge which all children naturally want and look for. Children and young people here would be greatly interested in receiving "The Treasure Chest" this year when we are all studying India, and for the English edition with its up-to-date information and stories about India, it is possible to subscribe for $1.25 and have it come to you regularly. It is designed especially for older juniors and junior highs, published in India, and filled with the helpful and colourful material teachers and leaders would find most useful for background.

In 650,000 villages, where 90% of India's millions live, the Church- and Government-sponsored Literacy Campaigns are creating thousands of new literates, who are then in immediate need of books and papers in their own language. These men and women, working mostly in the fields, so that their reading must be done at night, need good adult literature, simply and plainly written and printed in large type on subjects close to the lives they lead — better farming, food, nutrition, child-care, the improvement of home and village life and knowledge of the world without. For these village people, in eleven of the major languages of India, has been created, under the guidance of Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the "India Village Libraries", each one of which costs $25.00 complete,

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The Women's Missionary Society and C. G. I. T.

Mrs. E. C. Treleaven, Girls' Organization Secretary, Council Executive, reminds us of our obligations to teen-age girls, at a time when the Society and the Board of Christian Education are co-operating in a training programme for teen-age boys and girls.

THE closing day of Junior Girls' Camp, Mrs. Jones called for her eleven year old daughter Mary; and Mary's three girl friends. They all looked so nice in their Explorer uniforms. Instead of the usual farewell; "See you next year" – I said to these eleven year old girls "Next year you will be going to C.G.I.T. Camp I suppose?" "That is our big problem" said Mrs. Jones. "You see, we live in a small town. One of the other communions in our town has a Canadian Girls in Training group and the Presbyterian girls who wish to go to C.G.I.T. go there. In our Presbyterian Church we have another teen-age girls' organization, which I feel is not as Christ-centred as C.G.I.T. I belonged to a C.G.I.T. group when I was teen-age and I know what it meant to me. Through my C.G.I.T. leader's patience and understanding, I was guided in the worship of God, and a fuller understanding of "love thy neighbour'. I would like to see these girls have the benefit of a C.G.I.T. programme, but I would like them to go to our church and learn about our missionaries. Can you think of a solution to our problem."

"Yes I can! I suggest that the six girls who will graduate from Explorers, form a Canadian Girls in Training group in your Presbyterian Church. There is a beautiful graduation ceremony in your Explorer programme, for girls graduating into C.G.I.T. I would be sorry to see these girls miss that. I am sure you would not offend either your neighbouring C.G.I.T. by forming your own group of your own graduates, nor would you offend the other girls' group in your church. Six is a good number to start with and I am sure it will grow. You may get the other Presbyterian girls back from the neighbouring church, and for sure you will get the graduates from your Explorer group each year. Do you know of anyone who could organize and lead a C.G.I.T. group in your Church?

"Well, no, not that I can think of; I would love to do it myself, or at least help, but I would need training and guidance. All I know is what I experienced when I was a Canadian Girl in Training."

"Well Mrs. Jones, that is a good start, and these girls could not graduate at a better time as this autumn there will be training classes for leaders of teen-age groups in every presbytery in Canada. A team of training experts will be in your locality early in the autumn. You should watch for dodgers and leaflets on your bulletin boards with your exact dates, or it might be wise to discuss this problem with your minister, then he too will be watching for this information."

Mrs. Jones left with a look of satisfaction and gratitude and from the beaming faces of the girls, I could see they were overjoyed.

This conversation re-affirmed my belief that we, The Women's Missionary Society family must see that in each congregation we have no missing links. We must prepare that our girls always have a programme to graduate into before they graduate out of another. If in your congregation the teen-age programme is the weak or missing link of the missionary family, this is the time to do something about it. Be ready to work with the training team when it is in your Presbyterial this autumn.

Dates for Teen-Age Promotion Work

A number of Presbyterials have already had meetings at which C.G.I.T. (for girls 12 - 17) and Sigma-C (the new programme for boys 12 - 14) were introduced and leaders for these programmes were given training. We are sorry that we did not have final dates for those being held in September in time for publication in the September "Glad Tidings". We are glad, however, to be able to announce dates for meetings being held in October and November. Presbyteries are listed below. Secure places of meetings within your Presbyterial for the Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary or your minister.)

SASKATCHEWAN

Presbytery of Assiniboia	October 4-16

MANITOBA

Presbytery of Brandon	October 18-23
Presbytery of Superior	October 12-14

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON

Presbytery of London	October 4-8
Presbytery of Huron-Maitland	October 11-15
Presbytery of Bruce	October 15-20
Presbytery of Sarnia	October 25-30

Presbytery of Stratford	November 1-6
Presbytery of Chatham	November 8-13

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Presbytery of Peterborough	October 4-8
Presbytery of Kingston	October 18-22
Presbytery of Barrie	October 20-30
Presbytery of Temiskaming	November 1-6
Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay	November 8-13
Presbytery of Lindsay	November 16-18

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Presbytery of Montreal	October 25-30
Presbytery of Quebec	November 1-4

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FOR INDIA

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and provides some 60 or 70 good booklets, which a whole village may borrow and read. Last year, through special gifts sent in for Christian Literature, we were able to provide 17 of these excellent "Little Libraries for India's Villages".

Each library is packed in an empty five-gallon kerosene can, with a hinged door and a handle for carrying. The tin protects the books from the dampness and the destructive white ants, and with the kit goes a small oil lamp with a luminous mantle. The booklets are carefully chosen by a Committee in India which assembles the language libraries best graded to each individual village's need, and the Library itself is always placed in the custody of a native pastor or other responsible person of the village who will supervise the circulation. The reader pays a small fee – less than 2c a month – and this is used to replenish the books as they wear out from constant handling. Only about a thousand such libraries are yet in use, but it is hoped eventually to be able to equip each village, as it becomes literate, with one of these helpful and most appreciated Lending Libraries of Christian books and information. It is a great and vital aim, and it is in our power to help to make it come true, if we try to realize fully just what the influence of Christian literature can mean, both to India's own people and their well-being, and to a world which waits and prays for a Christian peace and understanding between nations.

Dedication of Shingi Korean Church

Nagamine Yama, Oishi,
Kobe, Japan.

Dear Miss Whale:

I intended sending the enclosed pictures to you long ago. I know that you will be interested in them as the W.M.S. had a part in the building of this little place of worship.

One day last November we started out very early in the morning to attend the dedication of the church at Shingi. We drove first to the city of Osaka and then through Kyoto and then to Otsu and from there we wound along a little country road for over an hour. Part of the time we were so occupied with the beauty of the country and the bright autumn colours of the trees on the hillsides and with the beautiful green-blue water of Lake Biwa that we almost forgot that we were traveling over an exceedingly bumpy road.

At about 11 a.m. we finally arrived at our destination. The little village of Shingi is just like any other Japanese village but one corner of it is just like a little bit of Korea. A large ox tied to the tree nearby the Church, the people, dressed in Korean dress and the old gentleman in his Korean costume made us feel that we were back in Korea. The little Church is certainly not imposing and yet it is well built and sufficiently large to accommodate the twenty or so baptised members and the little Sunday School of about thirty. The two roomed house for the worker to live in has been added to one side of the church. We were pleasantly surprised when we entered the building to see that it was indeed a fine little building and a suitable place for worship.

신기교회헌당식 설립식장

A clever Korean gentleman in native costume.

The service was one of real blessing as the little congregation was not only dedicating the building to the Glory of God but they were being recognized by the Presbytery as an organized congregation and hereafter would be able to attach the sign reading "Shingi Korean Church," to the building. The moderator of Presbytery had the very pleasant task of climbing up on a ladder and attaching the sign board. There were warm greetings from the nearby Japanese Churches and one could see that a very fine spirit of fellowship between the two Christian groups. The little church at Shingi grew up around one family who had moved out there from Kyoto during war years.

After the dedication service we all gathered or rather crowded into the worker's rooms and there partook of a delicious Korean meal. We enjoyed fellowship with the members of the church and with visitors from Kyoto and Osaka. The women of the Church, of course prepared and served the meal. The village of Shingi is not the most accessible of villages but our hearts are glad that there are faithful believers gathering every Sunday to worship and glorify God, to teach the little children the precious words of the Holy Scriptures and to have fellowship with one another. I am sure you rejoice with us that two years ago the W.M.S., W.D. made a grant of $300.00 which along with the efforts of the few faithful Christians have made possible this building which on that cool November day in 1953 was dedicated to The Glory of God.

The Moderator proudly attaches the signboard.

I have a new typewriter. Ours was burned in a fire which took the building where we had left it to be cleaned, last fall.

I have recovered very well from my accident last summer and can walk almost as well as ever though with some pain at times. Perhaps through the Glad Tidings you could say thank you for me to all the friends who so earnestly prayed for me. I know that God wonderfully answered prayer on my behalf not only in healing but in comforting and sustaining me through a time of great pain. I can look back and even praise Him for this difficult experience.

We expect to arrive in Toronto in early Autumn on our furlough and I must say that we all feel the need of a change and maybe a rest.

Yours sincerely,
Jean Rumball.

NOTICE Re Reporting of
✫ *NEW GROUPS* ✫ *NEW LEADERS*
✫ *NEW OFFICERS*

A new method of reporting new groups or the appointment of new officers or leaders goes into effect on September 1, 1954. New Registration cards for use by groups in all Departments have been prepared. Such cards have been used previously by Explorer and C.G.I.T. groups; now they will be used by Mission Bands, and Young Women's Evening and Senior Auxiliaries as well. Details are as follows:

WHY USE THE REGISTRATION CARDS

- To keep the National W.M.S. Office records up-to-date at all times, and to allow the National office to notify Presbyterials of new groups, new officers of adult groups, or new leaders of Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T.
- In this way, groups will receive promptly any letters, free introductory literature and other information sent out from National and Presbyterial officers.

WHEN TO USE REGISTRATION CARDS

- When a new group (in any department) is formed.
- *In Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T.:* At the time of reorganization for each group *each year* (e.g. September or January).
- *In Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries:* Immediately following every group's annual meeting *each year,* and throughout the year when one (or more) new officer is elected.

WHO SHOULD SEND THE REGISTRATION CARD

- *In Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T.:*
    - The Leader
    - or the W.M.S. Auxiliary Secretary
    - or the Presbyterial Children's or Girls' Secretary
- *In Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries:*
    - The Secretary of the group
    - or the Presbyterial Secretary concerned
    - or anyone who is aware of new groups or new officers

WHERE TO GET REGISTRATION CARDS

- An officer of the Presbyterial
- or Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario

WHERE TO SEND REGISTRATION CARDS

- *For Mission Bands and Explorers:*
    - The Presbyterian National Secretary for Children's Work, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ont.
- *For C.G.I.T. or other Girls' Groups:*
    - The Presbyterial National Secretary for Girls' Work, 63 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario
- *For Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries:*
    - The National Secretary for Adult work, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ont.

The Impact of Christian Teaching on the Women of Formosa

FORMOSA the beautiful, — Formosa a land of idol worship and superstition, where the evil spirits are very real to the people! We who are free find it difficult to understand the power of superstition and the meager lines of those who are bound down by superstition and idol worship. But in Formosa we meet people who have accepted Christ as their Master and Saviour and know true freedom. The joy of these people is a wonderful thing to see. They are free and happy. Free from fear of evil spirits (and in Formosa all the spirits seem to be evil.) These people can walk in faith, by knowing a God who is a loving Father and a Saviour who came that we may have life and have it more abundantly.

In Formosa our Church has among other projects, a Girls' School. To this school come non-Christian as well as Christian girls for their regular studies. It differs from the Government School in this way — here the girls also receive religious instructions, not only instructions, but they also take an active part in Christian activities after school hours. There is a Christian Endeavour; there is morning and evening service; there is a Department of Music where they are taught music but where they also learn Church music. They belong to choirs, Young People's groups, Sunday School classes and the Dormitory students attend Church service in a body. The Christian girls help in Sunday Schools and are in charge of Christian Endeavour. When they graduate and go back to their homes they can be a definite help to the local Church. We find that in a Church where there is an active women's group, a Young People's group, a choir and a well organized Sunday School and where the windows are washed and the sanctuary well kept, there one is certain to find a graduate of this school. Her influence is felt in her own Church group and throughout the community, raising the standard of living by her contribution to the life of her community. She is a living witness to a living God, before whom idols fall and superstition and non-Christian practices are cast out, allowing the people to have life and that more abundantly.

Students See W.M.S. Offices in Action

WITH the advent of Autumn our thoughts turn to students. Johnnie and Mary have probably reluctantly started off to school — for the first time or to enter a new class. Pat and Bill have had to leave home to enter University. Our Church's training institutions, also, are opening their doors to students new and old.

It is a fitting time, then, for us to think of students and training institutions, particularly the institutions which our Church operates and the students there who will eventually become our ministers, deaconesses, missionaries, or Regional Secretaries.

The members of the Women's Missionary Society have always been interested in students in our Church's training institutions — in particular—Knox College, Toronto; Presbyterian College, Montreal; and the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School. This year at our Society's annual Council Meeting, decisions were made regarding the use of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund which will allow us to have an even greater interest in such students and their support.

Last spring, the members of the graduating classes of Presbyterian College, Knox College and the

Miss Nellie Smith and Miss Barbara Hounsom of the W.M.S. office explain to the student visitors the work done in the treasurer's Department.

Training School spent a day in conferences and visitation in the offices of the Church at 63 St. George Street, Toronto. Part of that day was spent in the Society's national office at 100 Adelaide Street West.

The students were entertained at lunch. Then the Executive Directors of the various departments told of the work within their departments — Miss Matthews of the mission work undertaken by our Society throughout Canada; Miss Pelton of the work overseas; Miss Webster of the various parts of the Organization Department; Miss Whale and Miss Reith of the publications of the Society; and Miss Smith, our Accountant, of the finances. Such presentations with the brief discussion which followed gave to those who were going out at the end of the term as active workers within the Church a knowledge of the Society's work, a personal contact with its national office workers, and an assurance of assistance if it is required in the work of the congregations and missions to which the graduating students would go.

It is hoped that this type of contact will be possible with the graduates of these Colleges in future years. It is the sincere hope of the Society, also, that more young people of our churches across Canada will see the importance of giving their lives to full time service and will enter one of our theological colleges or the training school, that they may receive preparation for their tasks.

The Literature department is of special interest to the visitors.

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

Overseas News Flashes

It was with great regret that we have to report that Miss Ellen Douglas will be unable to go to India. We must bow before the verdict of her Doctors. We know that Miss Douglas is disappointed; we are keenly disappointed and her colleagues on the Bhil Field will be disappointed, but we also know that Miss Douglas will make her Christian witness in Canada and that God must have some very special reason for keeping her here.

MISS ELLEN DOUGLAS

Miss Hazel Reaveley has come back on our Overseas staff. She sailed on the 25th of September for England where she will take a year's study at Carey Hall, Selly Oak College, Birmingham. After completing her year's study the first part of July, Miss Reaveley will sail for India where we expect she will become a member of the Bhil Field staff.

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Miss Hildur Hermanson Lectures To Improve Health Habits In Formosa

A project which started as a means of taking health education to women of Formosa flourished to such an extent from the very beginning that missionaries and Church leaders were made aware of the depth of Formosa's desire for education and for leadership in the things of the spirit.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, just before she came home on furlough, was able to put into practice an idea which she long had held concerning health education.

As a result of her work in the hospital in Taipeh, Miss Hermanson was aware of the need for health education. She had, for some time, planned to go among women's groups delivering simple health lectures . . . helping the Formosan women to understand simple rules of improving their health and that of their children. The Formosan Church people agreed that such lectures would help not only Church women but would serve as a contact with non-Christian women. The first lecture was planned and the venture was launched.

Miss Hermanson's description of her first meeting will be remembered by many who heard her

Miss Hermanson with Form [redacted]

while doing deputation last year and this. Instead of giving her six simple lectures to a group of women, she found herself faced with men, women and children. She realized that something must be done for all these people; the children needed a story told to them and songs taught while their elders studied. The young people wanted to learn English, so they might be prepared if opportunity came for higher education.

Miss Hermanson, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Gordon, Miss Hazel Macdonald, attempted to meet the needs of the crowds of people who gathered each night.

Miss Hermanson envisages such classes as effective means of helping the people of the plains, also the people of the hills, to a better knowledge of living standards — and with organization of their local church work, she would have teams of leaders — graduates of the Bible colleges, Formosan Church leaders, and missionaries — each with a specific task to do, in order that all might be served. She would have her teams remain for several days in one place, holding several sessions each day. There is no limit to the amount of teaching which could be done. Book-man in a mobile library could help all ages to understand the Christian religion. The enthusiastic Mission-evangelist can see how general contact could be made through visitation. She sees the responsibility of handcrafts being taught — cooking — and anything which would raise living standards — and which would help interpret the Christian religion. The ideal set-up, Miss Hermanson believes, is to have the hospital as the centre of the scheme — with teams going from there . . . the teams consisting of hospital staff and girl graduates of the theological college.

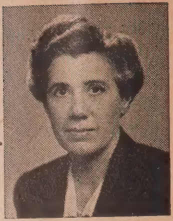
The people of Formosa are anxious for Christian teaching. They are eagerly seeking Truth. Such plans as Miss Hermanson's could help them a very great deal. The answers are assured.

Miss Hermanson says, from experience which both delighted and dismayed her, with such a challenge we can hope and pray that God will guide us all — in Canada and Formosa—that we may be used in such a way that the Gospel will be more effectively preached and still more effectively lived.

God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear vision see
Of that new world that He would have us build,
To life's ennoblement and His high ministry.

—John Oxenham.

Sharing in Canadian Missions



REVEREND GEORGE E. DOBIE, B.A.,B.D., Th.M.

Tells us of

"Opportunities for our Church Expansion in Western Canada"

I

In Christ there is no East or West. The needs of one area are mostly the needs of all, and so to speak of Saskatchewan is to speak also of Newfoundland and Vancouver Island. There is no true valuation of my problems and yours without some understanding of and concern for everyone's. While the opportunities to expand into say, the suburban areas of Toronto, Windsor, Hamilton and Halifax, or the Kitimat in B.C. vary from place to place, everything must be seen in the wider scope of what we are doing under God as a church in Canada and in the world. There must also be evidence of a people's desire to be a Christian Church.

Five years ago there was no Presbyterian church in the city of Yorkton, Sask. Today, after untold difficulties there is a thriving congregation in a new church edifice. At times their needs were critical. They flourish now because they never allowed their own endeavours to obscure the total picture Through it all they kept their eyes upon the world. They kept giving to others out of their need, — first to the Budget, for it represents the church's total Christian outreach; then to the W.M.S., the Bible Society, relief campaigns, community projects and the aid of neighboring congregations. Their lovely church stands at a focal point of a new suburban area thanks partly to the extension funds of our whole communion, and partly to the sacrifice of a group of people who, under capable pastoral leadership, wanted to be a Church. How disastrous then, for us, in our concern for this area or that, for this project or that, if we should lose sight of the fact: *we are one body in Christ.*

We believe God had his eyes on the whole world in the coming of Jesus Christ, the world of every era, race, class and condition. So we declare it as best we know how, in as many ways as we can devise. This should keep us for ever from being narrow and provincial. When we speak of the West, let it be also of the East and of central Canada. We cannot do our job so well as when it is realized as a function of the whole body of Christ.

Our enthusiasm must be tempered with a few sobering facts: the shortage of men to maintain and consolidate the work we have established, the low per-capita givings of our people, a few everywhere bearing too much of the load while too many of us do not pull enough weight. A world as small, as volatile, as seething with revolutionary forces as the modern world should make us see this, the conviction of every age of the Church's history: *a Church without a mission will soon perish from the earth.*

II

Perhaps the most pressing demands laid upon us are by the new suburban areas of our cities. Here, to speak of Vancouver is to include every other city to Halifax and St. John's. Literally thousands of new blocks are being constructed every year, many of them located far from the nearest church. As important surely as getting the people who move into these homes to go to church is to get the church out to these people. But how, when the boards of our church have already on hand requests for loans and grants amounting to hundreds of thousands? How, when the opportunities to expand into new suburban areas are increasing at a rate beyond that of men preparing for the ministry? How, in view of the expansion going on within many older established congregations: for Christian Education centres (as at Kitchener Ont., Regina and Medicine Hat), for building extensions (as at Moose Jaw, Port Arthur, Fort St. John), for new church buildings replacing old, (as at Edmonton, Red Deer, Saskatoon) for new projects already begun (as in Port Arthur, Atikokan, Regina etc.) which would certainly prevent giving more than nominal assistance to the rest? Let me suggest several ways of approach to this problem.

1. We could have a National Church Extension Fund, appropriations being made annually by the General Assembly out of Budget givings, and by the Women's Missionary Societies from annual budget revenues; augmented by givings from individuals and other church organizations. If we had a mind to we could devote a quarter to half a million dollars each year for new churches. That means only five or six complete new churches but think of what it would amount to in just a decade!

2. We could build new churches outright from this Fund. Lovely church edifices, architecturally and structurally sound, seating 350 to 500 persons, can be built for $100,000 or less. The RCAF has a model

chapel of this seating capacity being constructed on several stations in the West, costing about $75,000.

Placing these churches in strategic locations, served by an ordained missionary they can be self-supporting for ministry and maintenance in 5-10 years, and have paid off most of the cost of building within twenty years. This plan is being used extensively by the Scottish church and has been proved beyond doubt by the Lutherans in western Canada. Where there is a sanctuary built in such a manner that it is inviting for worship, located where it serves a sufficiently large constituency, served constantly by a minister of the Good News, and other men and women of faith) everything points toward self-support, clearance of all indebtedness and finally a growing participation in the Church's world mission.

3. Church extension could be regulated from the Synods: to determine the order of priorities, to bring all the churches of the synod-area into direct relation to the congregations building new churches. Synods could thereby plan for one or more new buildings annually, bringing all their forces to bear on one project at a time.

Crucial areas for expansion in the West at present are: Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Atikokan, Port Arthur. We might as well name every major city in the Dominion.

III

The North – Ungava and Labrador, Lynn Lake and northern Manitoba, Uranium City and Gunnar Sask., Yellowknife, Whitehorse and the Kitimat power and aluminum project in B.C., have provided scores of fascinating articles in our papers and magazines and many radio commentaries. People are flocking to these remote areas to work. The Church should be wherever they are. In most of these places a man cannot have his family: the cost of living let alone the cost of getting them there and settled is prohibitive. The majority of people in the far north are single or separated men. For our church to go in, it demands a special kind of man, carefully trained, preferably single, a former chaplain to the forces, with specialized knowledge of labour relations and chaplaincy to industry. We do have a few men who qualify for this work. If and when they go it will be as a result of the prayer and support of the whole church. Let us make it a subject of prayer. We have let the harvests of many years stand untouched. We are losing opportunities for exalting the name of our God.

IV

Have you ever wondered who are having the hardest time to make ends meet today? It is not among the trades or professions.

Retired ministers and widows of ministers, perhaps. But it is the older folk generally. Their life savings have shrunk with every rise in the cost of living. Their needs are infinitely more than forty dollars a month. Modern homes have no room for them and our pace of living tends to shut them out and make them feel there is no place for them. Their plight is no better than the man's in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Praise God, some people have been concerned about this and are working towards the establishment of homes for these people. Who knows how many thousands of elderly bachelors, widows, widowers need our care? With increasing length of life the number is mounting every year. Would it not be something truly to the praise of God if we could establish, say in the Maritimes, in central Ontario, and in the West, multi-unit apartment houses where elderly people singly and in couples, surrounded by at least a few of their prized possessions, could spend their sunset years in quiet self-respect?

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Another area of vital interest to a growing number of people within our church is the *University Campus*: the need for Presbyterian chaplains to the men and women studying at our Canadian universities. This is not a new idea. It is as old as the universities themselves. We have been preoccupied of late with consolidating our position on other fronts and have almost lost sight of an important mission field close at hand. Here we find the leaders of tomorrow, of the varied fields of science and industry, education and law, of the Church as well. Presbyterian Fellowship groups have been one means of bringing our young people together. They provide the opportunity of relating their thinking and their knowledge to the Word of God and with the great Christian minds past and present. More effective is the work to be done through university residences. Here a minister may be dean and chaplain to students on the campus. The W.M.S. has built one such residence in Saskatoon which accomodates thirty-five men. Plans are progressing for another of these to be constructed by the Synod of B.C. in Vancouver. Perhaps the greatest future in this regard lies in Toronto whenever it is made a reality. Again, we have men with the spiritual and academic qualifications to do excellent work in this field where men and women may be won to Christ. A Presbyterian Residence provides something unique whereby men and women may be brought to consider seriously the claims of Jesus Christ upon their lives. Seventy to one hundred thousand dollars will provide a residence on any Canadian university campus.

VI

Time fails to speak of the revived interest in our children and youth, in leadership training, in the results of research and reorganization to bring our work more up to date, the provision of Sigma-C for boys 12-14 years of age, the role of laymen in the Church and its increasing significance and effects, of visitation Evangelism which is bringing new life to our church from coast to coast. Each is an area of potential expansion for the church. One type of work is dependent upon the others even as one area's expansion is dependent upon all the rest. And the work we have to do under God, of expansion and consolidation, go hand in hand, mutually dependent.

Leaders of commerce and industry point with pride to all the evidences of Canada's recent, amazing development, the expansion we can expect, in the North and West especially, during the next decade or two. This is the land and people we call our own. This is the time God in his mercy has called us forth to live. Our potential is the very power of God, the wisdom of God. Let us pray then for strength "to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith . . . Consider Him that endured . . . Make straight paths for your feet . . . Follow peace with all men and holiness . . . Wherefore we, receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire." (Heb. xii).

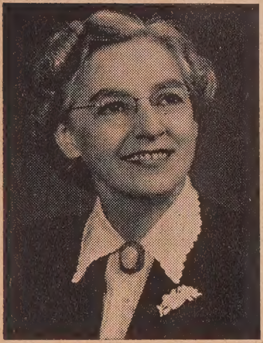
White country churches rising from the sod.
Symbols they stand, of mankind's daily need;
The urgent need to pray, the need to praise.
Without their altars men grow blind indeed,
and grope bewildered down unlighted ways.

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL.

YOUR MISSIONARY DOLLAR AT WORK

"In As Much"

Vellore Road-side Clinics



MRS. L.W. GEHMAN, Reg.N.

IF, on Fridays, you drive from Vellore to Odugathur, you will see groups of men, women and children at five or six places eagerly waiting.

At the side of the winding, dusty road, flanked by tamarind trees, the people wait in such shade as there is — hungry children, weary mothers, elders lying on patches of straw. All look constantly in the direction of Vellore. They are waiting for the hospital car of the Christian Medical College. They are sick in body, suffering from the numerous diseases to which Indian village folk in their crowded and poverty-stricken homes are heir to. These ills are aggravated by poor nutrition, following failure of food crops resulting from prolonged droughts.

The van is filled to capacity with instruments and medicines, ointments, powders, capsules, bandages, cotton — everything a hospital on wheels can carry. At each stop there is a pitiful group. Without a minute's break the staff and the doctor work. The mobile unit provides medicine and the doctor has a word of Christian hope and professional advise for each patient.

So they move along the roadside from nine in the morning till eleven at night. When darkness sets in, electric torches and kerosene lamps come to the rescue. The work is exhausting, but to the doctors and staff it is part of their service to people who need help. The signs of hope, and the gratitude in the eyes of these sufferers are the workers' reward.

Public Health Nurses washing hands before ministering to sick.

Our Society has been associated with the work in the Vellore Christian Medical College, South India, for approximately ten years. We contribute an annual grant of $1000.00 toward the college maintenance. We also have had missionaries serving on the nursing staff. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N. and Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N. have both served on the Vellore Nursing staff as our representatives and for the past three years we have been privileged to have Mrs. L. W. Geham, Reg.N., B.Sc. associated with the Public Health branch of the work in Vellore. In that connection she has served with the "Road-side Clinics."

URGENT CALL TO OUR MEMBERS

What are YOU doing about this situation?

Up to August 31st, 1954, you have contributed through your Synodicals $93,224.81, which is an increase of only $1,290.00, or 1.4% over the same period in 1953. Our requirements for 1954, as accepted by Council, are $257,000.00, which means an increase of $20,000.00 or 8.4% over 1953.

Let each one of us start the Fall with a fresh determination to fulfil our accepted commitments and in so doing we shall not fail in our responsibility to the great work to which we have dedicated ourselves.

(Mrs. G. R.) Ruth E. Pye,
Treasurer.

NATIONAL STAFF — 1954-55

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Mrs. N. M. Rusaw, Matron — Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba.
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Jhansi Field

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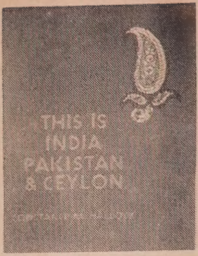
AFRICA

Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., and Miss Joan Rochemont, B.A., en route to Africa. Address will be published in "The Glad Tidings" as soon as available.

Literature Page

TO assist you in your meetings and for home reading we would draw your attention to the book THIS IS INDIA, PAKISTAN & CEYLON by Constance M. Hallock which you will find listed in the Book List on the back cover. Miss Hallock, who has an editorial post with the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., recently spent almost a year in India, Pakistan and Ceylon, visiting missions of many denominations and meeting and talking with many Indian people. As a result of her visit we have this concise, helpful and interesting book. All groups studying India will welcome it. It is a valuable source of information for all members of adult groups and leaders of all age groups will find much they will be glad to know in its pages. Well illustrated with interesting pictures it gives briefly and accurately information about the lands and their people, village and town problems, the existing problems between India and Pakistan, the great needs of India and where assistance can be given to meet those needs. Miss Hallock tells how the Christians in this new day in India are trying to assist in answering the problems, how denominationally and interdenominationally the Christian Church is seeking to help India — "the horizon is widening," she writes, "and the Christian Church is seeking the best wherever it may be found."



This is India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

Telling of the ways in which Indian Christians are seeking to help their fellow countrymen she quotes the oft-repeated questions asked of these helpful Christians by the non-Christians — "Why do you do this? Is it your religion? Is this Christian love?" Commenting on these questions the author says, — "The questions are simple. The answer is equally simple: the answer given by the young men on the Himalayan mountain trails, by the man in the border community, by the students answering the call of need in an emergency: 'Yes, for God loves us, and in serving others we show our love for him.' "

See that THIS IS INDIA, PAKISTAN AND CEYLON by Constance M. Hallock is in your Auxiliary Library: is in your homes, and in the hands of leaders of all age groups in your congregation.

—Louise Reith, M.A.

TO MEMBERS OF ADULT GROUPS

IN the September issue of the *Glad Tidings* it was announced that I had been appointed as Secretary for Adult Work in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). This month I have been given the opportunity of writing to the members of the Adult Groups. In doing this I feel that I am not writing to strangers but to friends, many of whom I have known for a long time.

Before this is in print I expect I shall have met with a number of the Presbyterial Departmental Secretaries of the Synodicals in Western Canada and will be looking forward to meeting those of the other areas. Through these Synodical Conferences I hope we shall get to know each other better and discover the ways in which the Secretary for Adult Work can be of most help to the Young Women's Evening and Senior Department Secretaries throughout the Society and to the local groups.

Much has been said and written about the urgency of the present day in so far as the Mission of the Christian Church is concerned. We must realize that a great responsibility for interesting others in sharing in the most important task in the world, the winning of the world for Christ. We often wonder how more people can be interested. There is no magic key — but obviously, if we are to interest others, we must be interested ourselves. We must know why the work in which we share is the most important in the world. We must know about that work, what has been accomplished and what is being done today. We must be willing to give time and thought to presenting it to others. We must be willing to use our abilities in the work for which the Christian Church came into being.

We say we want new members in our Adult Groups. Do we make people feel that we really want them? Are we enthusiastic enough about the work we are doing to make others feel that it is worthwhile?

This year the theme for study is INDIA, an important area of our Church's overseas work. Every member of our Church should know about and be interested in India and the Christian Church there. The programmes for adults have been planned to enable a number of people to take part in the presentation at each meeting. They were planned in this way because it is hoped that as more take part, more will be interested and more interesting meetings will result. We shall be glad to know how your groups have used the materials available; what the results have been, about the programmes which have appealed most, and what we can do to help you have better meetings.

We realize that there are many problems to be faced in the work among the adults and that all these will not be solved in a few weeks or months or years. We hope that by working together, sharing problems and solutions, we may achieve results. I hope that in this, I may prove to be of some assistance to the Adult Groups of our Women's Missionary Society.

Louise A. Reith.

Please Attach To Your Copy of the Annual Report The Following Changes

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL

President—Mrs. J. Graham, Blueberry Mountain, Alberta.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. O. Kristenson, Dixonville.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. M. Ayre, Grande Prairie.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. M. Ayre, Grande Prairie.

Secretary for:
- **Senior Auxiliaries**—
- **Evening Auxiliaries**—
- **Young Women's Auxiliaries**—Mrs. H. Becker, Grande Prairie.
- **Girls' Organization**—Mrs. S. Sather, Wanham.
- **Children's Group**—Mrs. T. Mollinga, Blueberry Mountain.
- **Home Helpers**—
- **Welcome and Welfare**—
- **Literature**—Mrs. D. Lozeron, Clairmont.
- **Glad Tidings**—Mrs. H. Lalonde, Heart Valley.
- **Press**—Mrs. W. Kerr, Grande Prairie.
- **Supply**—Mrs. D. Elder, Grande Prairie.
- **Life Membership**—
- **Library**—
- **Student Work**—

Historian—Mrs. P. White, Last Lake.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNODICAL:

New Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. Clifford, 3065 Alberta St., Vancouver, B.C.
(In Annual Report Mrs. Clifford is also listed as First Vice-President. Note change of address.)

What C.G.I.T. Means To Me

by MISS ANNE NEWELL

President 1953-54, Knox Presbyterian C.G.I.T. — Agincourt, Ont.

WHEN I was asked to write this column, I had to stop first and think hard about what C.G.I.T. really does mean to me. I know I love our meetings; I love the fun and fellowship we have at them and yet I had never really considered what the true meaning of "C.G.I.T." was for me in my daily life, in work and play.

First, what does "C.G.I.T." stand for? Many people have asked me that question. C.G.I.T. stands for "Canadian Girls In Training" and we are in training for life, for living a Christian life, the kind of life God wants us to live. If we try to live as God wishes us, we are fulfilling His Will and our Purpose.

When I think of Our Purpose, I try to think what each word means.

As a Canadian Girl In Training, under the Leadership of Jesus, it is my purpose to, Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, Serve Others, and thus, with His help become the girl God would have me be.

When we repeat our purpose, we are making a promise to God that we will try hard to keep the body and mind He gave us healthy; that we will seek after truth; that we will know Him as an understanding Friend and a loving Father and that we will always try to help others. By doing these things and with His aid we will become the girls He wants us to be.

When I think of our movement, I think of our purpose, then the girls who make up C.G.I.T. We come from all over Canada, from all walks of life, from rich and poor families and yet to see us working or playing together, before, during and after our meetings you would think we belonged to one family. We do belong to one family, "the family of God," and in our daily work we try to live as God's children should live. Many people try to live as God wants them to, but I think that we girls in C.G.I.T. ought to try perhaps a little harder, for if we are truly "Canadian Girls In Training," we try to live up to our purpose.

C.G.I.T. helps us in daily life. It has certainly helped me. Belonging to C.G.I.T. has given me a closer and more personal relationship with God. I have come to know Him as a personal Saviour; a loving Father and an understanding Friend. When problems and troubles arise, I take them to my Heavenly Father and soon I find what I thought were large trials have either completely disappeared or grown small enough for me to solve.

Also as we are working, sharing and playing with others in C.G.I.T., we are developing (I hope) a trait which is found in a good personality. That trait is the knowledge of how to get along pleasantly with others.

When I am feeling discouraged about the way countries in this world are always trying to outdo each other in world affairs, I find that when I walk into our C.G.I.T. meeting and see the girls working so well together, my faith in human nature is restored.

Reading back over what I have written, I wonder if the title is the proper one to use. I have written what C.G.I.T. not only means to me but what I think of when someone mention C.G.I.T.

What does C.G.I.T. mean to you? Does it mean any of the things I have said above? Whether it means the same to you as it does to me I know we will agree on one point, and that is: we are PROUD to be part of C.G.I.T.

Working, sharing, playing with others develops personality, a knowledge of how to get along pleasantly with others.

OCTOBER GREETINGS from Billy the Jeep

HAPPY October boys and girls in Canada. You will be having Thanksgiving this month in your country. I call it your country because even though I was made there, I know that India is my home now and I am glad it is for I am happy here.

Do you remember me from last month? I am glad you do for I want to tell you more of how I came here because I am working with boys and girls in India and I think that you boys and girls in Canada are going to be studying about children in India this year. More than that, you, in your Mission Bands and Explorer work are able to help us out here in India. You see we know when you are thinking and studying about us and we certainly know that your offering comes to help us.

But I must get back to my life story. I want to tell you now about my preparation for my life work. I know you have just started back to school again. (The children here have been back studying a couple of months.) You are busy in day school and in Church School, Mission Bands, and Explorers, getting ready for your life work. It takes you longer than it did me.

When I last visited with you, I had just been chosen for what seemed like a very important job.

I was taken away that day and I

spent several weeks in a garage getting fitted with extra fixtures. That was the biggest part of my training I guess. I had to learn how to carry heavy springs and heavier tires. While mechanics fitted me with these things — men then made car seats, fixing up special seats which were fastened in the back. I was quite curious to know exactly how these seats were to be used. You will remember that I overheard the ladies tell the manager of the Jeep showroom that I would be carrying people — and that idea interested me. I was very anxious that I give them a good ride — but I wondered how smooth it would be when I had these very stiff springs. It seemed to me they might be bumped about a bit. However, it was not for me to complain. I was being prepared to do a job. I was anxious to do my best, so I was to get ready in whatever way those who wanted me to work with them advised.

The next step, I discovered, was sort of slow and dreary. I had to wait around all summer for the time to come for me to go on the boat. I was impatient to get to work of course — but again I realized that even waiting and not making a fuss is part of training for work.

One day a lady came and drove me out of the garage. The manager took her around a block to show her how I worked — then we were off to the country. I knew I was to spend a summer on a farm for I overheard the manager telling the lady to be sure to try me out in the fields and up hills.

So I spent the summer — mostly in a shed protected from the sun — but once in a while hauling a load. Everyone seemed interested in me — and it was because they were told I was going to India. I was surprised and pleased that all the people who saw me wanted to know so much about the work I was to do. It made me feel important — but it prepared me for the work for I realized that I was not as important as the work itself.

To get on with my story. I saw quite a bit of Canada — (it seemed quite a bit to me.) The lady who was "breaking me in" as they say about cars and trucks, drove me to Leamington from the farm where I lived. (Later I had a long drive to Montreal, Quebec.) A little boy in Leamington, Ontario, rode around a bit in me. He liked me and did not minds the bumps. I cannot say I worked very hard those days — but at least I did as I was told. I was tested in all gears. I was driven up steep sides of hills. Each time I was successful — It was sort of like passing examinations.

Finally the day came when, having had my first check-up (or examination) I was driven off to Montreal where I was put on board a large ship. All along the lovely drive beside the river I thought "What a lovely country this is. The people who lived here must be very thankful to have

"Billy" often has to slow down for traffic like this on the Indian roads.

so much." I have thought that so many times since for the people here in India are not always as fortunate as you in Canada. I knew I would never see this lovely land again — but it did not matter to me for a truck can be home anywhere, just as a person can, as long as they have a job to do and kind people to live with. (Trucks and cars, you know, must have people who understand how they work so that if any of our machinery goes wrong they can be fixed. We also depend on the thoughtfulness and carefulness of those who drive, so that we are not hurt in any way.) Anyway, I am at home here now and when I am carrying my loads of people or food, or other things, I am glad I was chosen to come to this land for I am certain I am useful.

It is time to stop chattering right now. But please come back next month — because I want to tell you exactly what I do. I have been anxious to tell you how thankful I am to be chosen for this work and how important I believe it is to be prepared. Now, I want you to know how I help here in Amkhut, India, so come back next month to hear about life on a Mission field.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. T. Fishwick, 1636 E. 29th Ave.,
Vancouver, Press Secretary.

KAMLOOPS PRESBYTERIAL—The St. Andrews Auxiliary, **Kamloops,** held an interesting Thank-offering meeting with members of the Evening Guild as their special guests. The president, Mrs. David Arnott, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. A. McSween and Mrs. Alton gave interesting papers; the former on Christian fellowship and the latter on Hospital visiting. A shower of gifts was then taken to be sent to Miss Ellen Douglas for use in her hospital visiting work in Vancouver.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — At the June meeting of St. Andrews Auxiliary, **Victoria,** Miss C. Diffin gave an interesting review of a biography of Peter Marshall, who became Chaplain of the American Senate.

The July meeting took the form of a Garden party when the members were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper at their home at Gordon Head. Mrs. J. Jolly led the devotional. At the June executive meeting of Victoria Presbyterial a complete report of Council was given by Mrs. J. C. Scott, who brought to our attention many proposed changes in the various departments.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — The Prince Rupert Auxiliary had Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President, as guest speaker at their May meeting. Mrs. Murdoch was returning from the Council meetings in Winnipeg and her visit was much appreciated by the members of the Auxiliary. In addition to telling of the highlights of the Council meetings, she led the devotional service, speaking from Matthew, Chapter 26 on the theme "The Service of Love."

The W.M.S. of Robertson Presbyterian Church, **Vancouver** held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 24th. A luncheon preceded the meeting at which gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. F. Harper by the W.M.S. the W.A., and Circle 3, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. A life Membership was also presented to Mrs. Nicholl, a faithful member. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Discussion groups formed the basis of the July meeting of the Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, **Vancouver.** Six groups, each with a leader, supposedly a returned missionary with a difficult problem, discussed these problems under the heading "What would you do?" A report was made when each leader gave her summary to the entire meeting. All decided it was a very interesting and profitable afternoon.

ALBERTA

Mrs. L. E. Shaver, 234 — 2nd St. S.W.,
Medicine Hat, Alberta,
Press Secretary.

MACLEOD PRESBYTERIAL — The afternoon Study Group, Isabel Taylor, Ruby Walker and Hargrave Guilds of St. John's Church, **Medicine Hat,** met together for a supper meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Hagerty, President of the Senior Group. Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. A. Meier who gave a very fine report on the Council meetings.

Mrs. R. L. Taylor, wife of the minister at St. John's was presented with a Life Membership on behalf of all groups in appreciation of her faithful support of the work of the W.M.S. in the church.

A large assortment of books and literature was displayed and many orders taken, especially for the attractive children's books.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—Knox Church W.M.S. held a special Home Helpers meeting in the Church hall, **Red Deer.** All women of the congregation were invited but special written invitations were sent to all Home Helpers. Dr. W. Wotherspoon of Valley Centre congregation was guest speaker. He gave an excellent talk on Scotland which was illustrated by coloured slides.

A new contact which our group is trying to make is through our new members. We recently have sent letters of welcome to all new members on their association with our church. We have given the times of our W.M.S. meetings and extended an invitation to attend our meetings at any time, as an active member, or as Home Helpers or just as a visitor. We hope in this way to interest more of our church members in our missionary work.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER,
CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY.

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND — Knox Home Helpers of **Walkerton** W.M.S. held a pleasant summer meeting the afternoon of June 16th at the home of Mrs. Andrew Kirstine, with a good attendance. Mrs. Florence Rowand presided.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Fleming presided for the Annual Home Helpers meeting of Knox Presbyterian W.M.S. **Wallaceburg** and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Noble Law of **Dresden,** the Past President of Chatham Presbyterial, who gave a splendid talk on "Home Helpers and their Secretary."

The Reverend Wm. Lawson, pastor, was guest speaker at the annual Home Helpers' and members' dinner held by the Alexander Bartlet W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Windsor.** Six of the ladies sewed for Grace Hospital, making 119 articles. Thirty-six calls were made to homes, hospitals and the Homestead.

In **Ridgetown** the Senior W.M.S. of Mount Zion Church assisted financially in sending five C.G.I.T. members to camp. They sponsored a Pot Luck supper when the affiliation service of the Young Girls Auxiliary, C.G.I.T. also the Mission Band was held June 29th.

Leamington Auxiliary of the W.M.S. closed their summer meetings by hearing reports of the Windsor sectional meeting, and a social fellowship hour.

The Essex County Sectional meeting held at **Riverside** Presbyterian Church was largely attended and heard a splendid report of the 39th Annual Council meetings in Winnipeg, by Mrs. Donald MacInnis, of **Ridgetown,** who was a delegate at Council. Mrs. D. R. McLaren of Duart, Literature secretary of Chatham Presbyterial also spoke on "Christian Literature."

The June meeting of the executive of Chatham Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** with Mrs. D. McInnes, **Ridgetown,** bringing reports of the Council meetings in Winnipeg and Mrs. M. Harald, **Leamington,** bringing in reports from the Owen Sound Synodical meeting.

The Sunshine Mission Band, **Dresden,** held its annual Thank Offering, under the capable leadership of Miss Helen McVean. Slides on "The Land of the Ojibway" appealed to a large number of Mission Banders, who contributed also with many fine readings, recitations and musical numbers.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. D. M. Allan, Presbyterial President, spoke when the Elsie Henderson Evening Auxiliary celebrated a second anniversary at a splendid meeting in **Kirkwall** Church Hall.

Letters from Miss Isobel McConnell and Mrs. Moore Gordon highlighted Knox Senior Auxiliary meeting; and in St. Enoch's the Ruby Walker Y.W.A. held a three member panel debate on the education of our Indian Young People in our residential Schools. The Y.W.A. of St. John, Hamilton, found letters from James Dickson, on our work in the Formosan Leper colonies, most informative for their June program.

Visitors from **Binbrook** and **Grimsby** attending the first Birthday of the **Cheyne** Senior Auxiliary of **Stoney Creek,** enjoyed hearing Mrs. D. M. Allan, the Presbyterial President. They were entertained in the recently built Stoney Creek Sunday School hall.

The Girls' Secretary, Mrs. O. R. Farnan, worked with Presbytery in organizing the Girls' Camp at the Lions'

Club Camp in Ancaster, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Lorne Peart, C.G.I.T. leader of **Caledonia.**

Mrs. Wm. Cameron, returned missionary of French Equatorial Africa, spoke to the Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary of **West Flamboro,** of her work in Africa.

The annual Hamilton Presbyterial June Tea was held in St. Enoch's and was most enjoyable. There were treasured displays of old Bibles, old pictures, antiques and curios from many lands. A table displayed some fine C.G.I.T. handcraft work of the past season and much attention and admiration was evidenced in the display of exquisite Italian handicraft provided by the members of the recently organized Italian Y.W.A.

The Margaret Allan Evening Auxiliary of St. Enoch's **Hamilton,** continued their activities during the summer by supervising the nursery so parents of young children may enjoy Sunday morning worship hour.

Kannawin Senior Auxiliary, St. John, **Hamilton,** held a special Home Helpers' meeting which Mrs. D. M. Allan graciously addressed.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — In June Miss Margaret Kennedy of the Bhil field, India was the guest for a few days of Mrs. James White, of **Goderich,** the mother of Miss Ida White, Reg.N. of the Bhil field. Mrs. White invited Knox Church W.M.S. members for an evening gathering at her home to meet and become acquainted with Miss Kennedy and many friends enjoyed this happy privilege. Miss Kennedy spoke from the pulpit of Knox, **Goderich** the following Sunday on work in the midst of the Bhil people. Mr. Peter Walter of Knox, a student in training for the ministry, was the guest speaker when Knox entertained the Home Helpers.

The Margaret Larkin C.G.I.T. of Seaforth First Presbyterian Church welcomed their mothers as Banquet Guests at which Miss Elizabeth Habkirk, their President presided. Guests were introduced by Mrs. Ross Hamilton, their leader, to whom Reverend D. Glenn Campbell paid tribute later in the meeting for her unselfish leadership. Miss S. L. McLean was the special speaker of the evening.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell, **Seaforth,** the president of Huron Presbyterial, also Miss Anne MacEachern, regional secretary, and Mrs. A. D. Poole of **London,** all brought inspiring messages for the sectional meetings held in **New Glasgow, Glencoe, Bethel** and **North Caradoc.** Mrs. Campbell gave a splendid report of Council meetings held recently in Winnipeg.

A very successful rally of all members of Evening Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliary and Teen-Age girls' groups of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **St. Thomas.** This was sponsored by the Evening department and arranged by Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, Presbyterial Evening Auxiliary Secretary and Mrs. J. M. Stirling, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary. Miss Helen Bricker, National Secretary for Girls' Work was the evening speaker.

At the 70th Anniversary of **S. Missouri** W.M.S. their president, Mrs. Calvin McKay, was the honored recipient of a life membership presented by the Past President, Mrs. James Bonnell of **Dorchester.** Music was provided by Mrs. Bob Irvine and Mrs. George McKay of **Kintore** and Mrs. J. K. West, as President of London Presbyterial, was the guest speaker. Miss Pardy of **St. Mary's** related the history of the Society and Mrs. Jos. Johnson of **London** placed a floral tribute revering the memory of many faithful workers.

London Presbyterial, as a whole, and Belmont Auxiliary in particular, lost a valued member in the passing of Mrs. Archie Crawford of Belmont, who was the Young Women's Presbyterial Secretary, as well as being Secretary in her local Auxiliary. Her Church was her life, and her faithful service in W.M.S.

in the work of the Sunday School, in welcoming new-comers and bringing cheer to the sick, will long be remembered. To her husband and her three sons, one of whom is now attending Glasgow University, Scotland, in preparation for the ministry, we pass on our very sincere sympathy.

It was the privilege of **Ailsa Craig** to have Mrs. J. K. West of St. Thomas, Presbyterial President, address their Spring Thankoffering also for **West Lorne** to hear Prof. Keith Andrews of Knox College, Toronto, tell of a three month visit in the Holy Land, and to see many interesting slides of his travels.

The Goforth Evening Auxiliaries of New St. James, London, was entertained at a supper meeting at Elmwood Ave. Church. Following this, along with representatives from all the Presbyterian W.M.S. Auxiliaries of the City, they visited Tweedsmuir Hall, the Home of the Blind, as guests of the Wilkie Evening Auxiliary of Hamilton Road Church. After touring the building they greatly enjoyed a program arranged by Mrs. J. T. Patterson, a blind member of the Wilkie Auxiliary. Miss Kathryn Sells, a blind member of the Goforth Auxiliary read the Scripture lesson from the Braille and the field Secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in London and district, Mr. E. F. Wheeler, was the guest speaker.

Two charter members of St. George's W.M.S., Miss Ada Isaac and Mrs. S. J. Grosvenor were honored with corsages when a 43rd Anniversary of St. George's W.M.S. London, was celebrated. The Reverend J. R. Waldie brought greetings from the Church and conducted a memorial service as Mrs. John Stirling, daughter of the late Mrs. John Hosie, the first W.M.S. President, placed flowers on the altar. Mrs. James Elliott of Aisla Craig brought Synodical Greetings and Mrs. J. K. West extended Presbyterial Greetings. Mrs. Allan J. Rush was the special speaker.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — St. Andrew's W.M.S. **Wingham** held their Annual Home Helpers' summer fellowship hour in the Sunday School room on July 6th, and were honored in having Miss Marian Williamson, recently returned from Amkhut, India, with them. The ladies presented her with a gift during the evening.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — On the evening of June 24th the designation service of Dr. Ian Cunningham, as a Medical Missionary in our Presbyterian Hospital in Jobat, India, was reverently solomized in Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, **Niagara Falls,** of which Church Dr. Cunningham and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham are members. Public Worship was conducted by Reverend W. J. Walker of North Pelham, formerly of Drummond Hill, the service of designation by Reverend Nicholas Novak, of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, **Welland,** and Moderator of the Presbytery of Niagara and Reverend W. J. McKeown of **Drummond Hill** addressed the newly designated Medical Missionary. At the lovely reception which followed immediately in the Church Hall, Dr. J. A. Munro, Secretary of the Board of Missions, Reverend G. D. Johnston, Chairman of the Board of Missions, Reverend J. L. Hughes, Moderator of Hamilton-London Synod brought brief greetings and Reverend R. A. Cranston, who officiated at the wedding of the parents of the young doctor, in Welland, and who baptized him into the church, presented a Bible in the Hindi language on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. A large attendance of relatives, Drummond Hill and district Church members, the clergy of Niagara Presbytery, and several from St. Andrew's, Welland, the Church of his birthplace, filled the sanctuary and remained for the reception. A doctor's bag and diagnostic kit was presented to Dr. Cunningham on behalf of Drummond Hill congregation and to Miss Irene Williams, R.N. of Tack's

Beach, Newfoundland, bride-elect of Dr. Cunningham, a corsage was presented.

On July 3rd in Drummond Hill Church Reverend W. J. McKeown performed the marriage ceremony of Dr. Ian and Mrs. Cunningham. Our blessings accompany this fine couple as they serve in India.

Chippawa W.M.S. celebrated a 60th Anniversary, the evening of June 24th making it their Thank-offering service. Many guests from **Drummond Hill, Stamford, Crowland** and **Fort Erie** W.M.S. also from Trinity Anglican W.A., **Chippawa,** attended this Anniversary over which Mrs. Earl Weaver, as president, presided. A Life Membership was given by the W.M.S. to one of the elderly W.M.S. members and a Junior Certificate was presented by the Bessie MacMurchy group to their President. Three candles, varying in size, were lighted by the W.M.S. President, the Bessie MacMurchy Girls' group President and the President of the Mission Band. The largest candle, the Mission Band Candle, signified that in their youth they had ahead many years for Missionary endeavour; next in size was the Bessie MacMurchy group candle, and the W.M.S. candle bespoke sixty years of Missionary light thus had burned well down in such service. The President of the Bessie MacMurchy group Miss Eleanor Weaver, presented a lovely Birthday Cake with the figure "60" ablaze in tapers, to convey the best wishes of the girls' group to the Senior Auxiliary on such a happy occasion.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAL — The summer conference of the Paris Presbyterial was held in **Ratho** with the President, Mrs. H. H. Turner, presiding. It was well attended, with every Auxiliary represented. The speaker, Mrs. A. C. Hamilton of **Atwood,** President of the Hamilton and London Synodical, gave a most comprehensive and inspiring report of the recent annual Council meetings in Winnipeg.

In appreciation of her valuable service as treasurer of the W.M.S. of Alexandra Church, **Brantford,** for the past twenty-five years, Mrs. J. W. Edwards was honored by the W.M.S. members. This being the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, they were honoured by the Ladies Aid and felicitations extended to them by all present.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — St. Andrews' Church Auxiliary, **Wyoming** celebrated a Golden Anniversary on June 23rd, with the President, Mrs. George Dewar presiding. Miss Annie Ross, of Knox Warwick, was the guest speaker and chose for her subject, "Christian Faith." Mrs. Robert Bruce of the Manse welcomed guests from **Petrolia, Camlachie** and **Aberarder** Auxiliaries also many honored guests including Miss Mabel Travis, one of the earliest members.Mrs. Angus MacIver was presented with an "In Memoriam" for her late husband Reverend Angus MacIver, a recent pastor.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL — **Motherwell** W.M.S. celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its founding on June 2nd with many guests coming from **St. Marys, Avonton, Clinton, Atwood, Listowel** and **Glengowan** Auxiliaries as well as a great number of former members of the congregation coming home. Stratford Presbyterial greetings were conveyed by Mrs. Russell Ballantyne, and Mrs. W. P. Rodger read an interesting historical sketch of the Society. Mrs. D. J. Lane of **Clinton,** the special speaker for this Anniversary brought a wonderful message. Mrs. J. B. Tier, **St. Mary's** Synodical Home Helpers Secretary, presided.

The June conference of Stratford Presbyterial, held in **North Mornington** Church, and presided over by Mrs. Russell Ballantyne, President, saw 180 members in attendance. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton brought greetings from Hamilton and London Synodical and gave a report of Council meetings in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Port Elgin, who worked with the Bhils in India under the Irish Presbyterian Church, was the afternoon speaker and Miss Anne MacEachern of Toronto, Regional Secretary, was in charge of an evening discussion period on "How can we keep our children's faith in the church and promote teen-age leaders and groups." Reverend John Williams of **Milverton,** extended an afternoon Presbytery and Church greetings and closed the evening session with prayer.

The three W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Knox, **Listowel,** the **Wallace, Listowel** and **Britton** Auxiliaries, held their annual joint meeting in the Sunday School room and heard interesting reports of the 40th Annual Synodical in Owen Sound. On behalf of the three Auxiliaries Mrs. Corry, grandmother of Miss Helen Bricker, presented Shirley Wray, Moira Moore, Marlene Hume and Pat Fraser, the four girls entering the Public Speaking contest sponsored by the W.M.S., each with a book "No Magic Carpet" by Helen Bricker. Reverend Puttnam addressed the ladies and closed the meeting with prayer.

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ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL — Westminster Church, **Sault Ste. Marie** held a very interesting meeting, when fifteen C.G.I.T. girls were affiliated with the W.M.S. Mrs. J. H. Williams was in charge of the mission field posters, each one being held by a girl dressed in costume of the country represented. Prizes also were given for Bible Study scrap books. Mrs. George Grant, Honorable Presbyterial President, welcomed the girls. Miss C. M. Acheson also assisted by showing how they help the larger society.

St. Paul's C.G.I.T. is studying Church Membership and they are also knitting for the W.M.S. bale. They have completed picture books for the nursery school.

The Ladies Aid, **Korah,** entertained Presbyterial at their Executive meeting. Mrs. L. Graham, Presbyterial Secretary gave a very instructive report of the Synodical meetings held in **Barrie.**

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL — Barrie Presbyterial held its first Rally for Mission Bands and Explorer Groups in **Hillsdale,** under the leadership of Mrs. W. W. Campbell, **Stroud,** Presbyterial Children's Department Secretary. More than two hundred children were present. Lynn Baird ably told the story of Ruth, illustrating with cut-outs as she progressed. Mrs. McClung, **Hillsdale,** welcomed the many guests.

There were several excellent exhibits of handwork. The **Midland** Mission Band and the **Allandale** Explorers were the winners in their respective groups. Mrs. McEachern, Presbyterial President, presented the awards. **Tottenham** won the attendance banner. Both Mrs. McEachern and Mrs. Campbell stressed the importance of character building. Mrs. Manson, **Midland,** expressed gratitude to **Hillsdale** ladies for their kind hospitality. Without doubt, the highlight of the Rally was the pageant presented by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, using a wide variety of Indian costumes. Miss MacMurchy is to be highly commended for her untiring efforts in this presentation.

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual meeting of the Temiskaming district W.M.S. was held at St. Andrew's Church, **Kirkland Lake.** Delegates from **Cochrane, Englehart, New Liskeard, Kirkland Lake, Tomstown,** and **Timmins** attended.

The Presbyterial President, Mrs. F. Somers, presided at both afternoon and evening sessions.

Encouraging reports were given from all departments. In the afternoon the President reported on the Council meetings at Winnipeg and in the evening the special speaker was Mrs. W. N. MacEachern of **Orillia.**

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — The **Nashville** Afternoon Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met in the **Nashville** Church to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Among the guests were five charter members; Mrs. Wm. Carberry, Mrs. J. Bernath, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. A. Houston, and Mrs. W. L. Card. Our Home Helpers, our Evening Auxiliary, members of sister auxiliaries of **Bolton** — Afternoon and Evening, **Besa, Strange, Eversley, St. Paul's Vaughan, Maple, Weston, Woodbridge, Knox Vaughan, Kleinburg** United W.A., Central United W.A., Members of Toronto West Presbyterial Executive, Professor A. L. Farris, Mrs. Farris, Rev. G. K. Agar, Mrs. Agar, Dr. J, McLelland, Mrs. McLelland, and the members of **Nashville** Church Session, Mr. J. A. Agar, Mr. N. J. Black, Mr. Alvin McCluskie, Mr. W. J. Agar. Mrs. W. Leavens represented the local paper, The **Bolton** Enterprise.

There were one hundred and fifty-four registered, each receiving a golden bow to wear on lapel. Each charter member was given a yellow and white corsage at the registration desk presided over by Mrs. A. Agar. Mrs. W. J. Agar received the guests, and Mrs. O. Devins and Miss A. McMurchy acted as ushers. Mrs. E. Miller President, presided for the afternoon.

Miss J. Bernath read a short history of the progress made in fifty years, which had been prepared by Mrs. A. Parr, a former member, now in Bolton.

Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Synodical of Toronto and Kingston, was guest speaker, bringing a stirring message that challenged us to "Rise up and go forward in the work of the Master".

Greetings were presented by Mrs. Ledingham, President of Toronto West Presbyterial.

On a Monday evening, in the School room of **Nashville** Church, the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. was the hostess for a Community Missionary night. Rev. Gordon Agar presented colored pictures and told of the work being done in the Bhil Field, India. Mrs. Miller presided.

A social hour followed and all joined in wishing Gods' Blessing on Rev. & Mrs. Agar and family in their new field of work at Tisdale, Sask.

Dr. Louis N. Nagy, formerly cultural attache for the Hungarian Government in London, England, who came to Canada in 1950 under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was the guest speaker at the joint closing meeting of the three missionary organizations of Parkdale Presbyterian Church. Dr. Nagy is now pastor of First Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Toronto. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of an honorary life membership certificate by Mary Wardlaw to Mrs. D. A. Mowat, president of the Janet Geggie Auxiliary, who presided over the meeting.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Paul Newton was installed as president of the North Bay Presbyterial during their 40th annual meeting held in Knox Church, **Magnetawan.** Delegates from **Burk's Falls, Parry Sound, North Bay, Sudbury** and **Magnetawan** were welcomed by Reverend and Mrs. A. E. Fairbrother of Magnetawan. Mrs. Paul Newton, President, presided and the opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. B. Kennedy of Burk's Falls. Official greetings from Algoma and North Bay Presbyteries were extended by the moderator, Reverend J. S. Roe of **Sudbury.** The morning session consisted of routine business and the presentation of the secretaries' reports; the treasurer, Mrs. A. Logan, **Parry Sound** reported that the allocation had been reached. Mrs. Newton gave a report on the April meeting of the Toronto-Kingston Synodical Society held in Barrie. Special speaker for the Presbyterial was Mrs. W. McEachern, **Orillia,** the president of

Barrie Presbyterial, who spoke on "Commission — unfulfilled," a most inspiring address.

Mrs. R. S. Dobson, Sudbury, thanked the speaker.

Following the report of the nominating committee, Mrs. K. Skarda and Mrs. O. Schade, Magnetawan, the new officers were installed by Rev. A. E. Fairbrother.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL — On Sunday evening, June 6th a missionary Rally was held in Harriston Presbyterian Church. The lareg attendance showed a good representation from **Saugeen** Presbyterial. Guest speaker, Mrs. Gordon Agar, recently returned from India, chose as her text, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." She told of their work in the Bhil Field and impressed her audience with the challenge of the great help needed.

A Social evening was held in Burks Falls Presbyterian Church, when members of the W.M.S. entertained the Home Helpers.

Donna McKay presented Mrs. D. C. Graham with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of the splendid work she has accomplished with the Junior Choir. Rev. L. M. Smith spoke briefly on the importance of the junior work. Mrs. A. Kennedy welcomed the Home Helpers and visitors.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL — In the passing of Mrs. John McCaffrey, St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, **Madoc,** lost one of its most beloved and useful members. Mrs. McCaffery died August 9th in her 84th year, at the Alexander nursing home, Queensboro, after a year-long illness.

She was a former school teacher with a strong and rugged character taking an active interest in all Church and community work. The Women's Missionary Society was always closest to her heart, of which she was President for a number of years, being especially interested in the historical information collected for the Church's 100th Anniversary booklet, 1953.

She was also active in the work of the Ladies' Aid and had been superintendent of the Sunday School in their local community before moving to Madoc.

She is survived by one stepson. Funeral services were held from the Church by the Reverend M. W. Heslip and Reverend J. F. Lane.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Agnes Dickson welcomed **Lindsay** Presbyterial for the semi-annual meeting held in June to **Fenelon Falls.**

Mrs. W. W. Finney, President, had charge of the meeting.

The devotional services were taken by Miss Mae Jewett and Mrs. J. Hart, **Cannington,** and by the Leaskdale Auxiliary.

Mrs. D. McQuarrie and Mrs. E. Mustard, delegates to the Synodical meeting at Barrie, gave their impressions of the highlights of that meeting.

Mrs. F. Brown and Mrs. Mills received the offering which was dedicated by Miss Agnes Dickson.

Mrs. Finney paid tribute to the late Miss Minnie Gould, a former highly esteemed President of this Presbyterial for many years. Reverend Walter Jackson, **Fenelon Falls,** conveyed greetings from Presbytery. Our treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Brabazon reported our givings are slightly increased over last year.

Mrs. J. A. Newstead, President of Toronto East Presbyterial, was guest speaker.

Mrs. Newstead based her remarks from Micah 6-8, "What does the Lord require of Thee: The Lord requires of me that I pray; that I give; that I witness. Our missionaries cannot accomplish the work alone. We mrst support and pray for them. Parents were urged to interest their children in missions.

Mrs. T. C. Leask thanked those who have remembered her daughter, Miss Margaret Leask, a missionary on the Bhil Field. **Beaverton** Auxiliary celebrates their seventy-fifth anniversary this year. The next Mission Band rally will be held at **Woodville.**

Lindsay Presbyterial has been saddened and sustained a great loss in the passing of a beloved member of the executive in the person of Mrs. John F. Brabazon, **Blackwater.** Mrs. Brabazon was our capable treasurer for over twenty-two years. The sincere sympathy of the Presbyterial is extended to her family.

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — The Annual Sectional No. 2 meeting of the Brockville Presbyterial W.M.S. was held in **Mainsville** Presbyterian Church in June. Mrs. Roy Holmes, **Pittston** Sectional President presided. Reports given by Auxiliary Secretaries were most encouraging showing keen interest taken in the work. Mrs. Carl Munro, **Winchester Springs,** was guest speaker basing her remarks on the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 3, verse 16, this verse being in keeping with the theme of the meeting "The Love of God." Highlights from Synodical were given by Mrs. George Forrester; Mrs. Harold Graham Presbyterial President reported on the Council Meeting in Winnipeg which she had attended. Mrs. J. A. MacMillan, **Cardinal,** conducted the service for the election of officers.

The oratorical contest sponsored by the Brockville Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Ventnor,** on June 4th. Mrs. Harold Graham, Presbyterial President, presided. Five boys and five girls took part in the contest. The winner was Miss Joan Poyner; her topic was "Our own Miss Irene Stringer."

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — The annual Mission Band Rally of Glengarry Presbyterial was held in **Kenyon** Presbyterian Church. The Minister, Dr. D. N. MacMillan presided. Children and leaders from seven Mission Bands were present together with parents and other interested friends. Mrs. W. E. Knox, children's Department Secretary gave a flannelgraph talk on Africa entitled "The Thank You Service". Following the devotional service coloured slides were shown illustrating "Our Church At Work Around The World" and a trip to British Guiana. On view at the rally was the banner purchased by the Presbyterial for presentation each year to the best Mission Band. **Lancaster** (St. Andrews) Mission Band have the honour of being the first holders of the banner. The Rev. Dr. J. C. McLean-Bell, minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, **Maxville,** pronounced the benediction.

A candle-light ceremony was held when the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, **Aultsville,** formed a Mission Band. The Band is under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas Saulters, assisted by Mrs. Vanderwal. The Organization Service was conducted by Mrs. William E. Knox of Moose Creek, Presbyterial Secretary of the Children's Department. Mrs. Flora Ault, President of the **Aultsville** Society conducted the candle-light service. Mrs. Knox, using a flannelgraph, told a missionary story and led in singing. Mrs. J. McCleverty of **Woodlands** led in prayer and dedicated the offering. Several members of the **Farran's Point** Mission Band and their leader, Mrs. Morton Amell, were present.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Members of the W.M.S. auxiliaries of **Ottawa** Presbyterial attended their sectional meeting in St. Andrews Church, **Kars.** The attendance was the largest of any sectional meeting of the past years. Mrs. A. Ian Burnett, Presbyterial President, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Burnett reviewed reports from W.M.S. Auxiliaries throughout Canada which were presented to the council held in Winnipeg. She noted that the rural auxiliaries had proved to be the backbone of the W.M.S. Mrs. Robert Good, Presbyterial Treasurer reported that 1954 givings to date showed an increase over those of 1953. Several of the Presbyterial Secretaries reported on their work. An invitation to hold the 1955 sectional meeting at **Manotick** was accepted.

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Editorial

THIS issue of the Glad Tidings which you are now reading is the first one produced without the guiding hand, heart and mind of the former editor, Miss Mary Whale. Perhaps some of the readers of Glad Tidings do not yet know of the change in our staff. When our director of Overseas Missions, Miss Laura Pelton, announced the fact of her approaching retirement and urged the necessity of special training for her successor, the Council Executive was faced with a serious decision. There was on our staff more than one member considered capable of filling this important position but, for various reasons the final choice fell upon Miss Whale. You will readily believe that this involved a very real sacrifice on the part of the Editorial Committee but, for the greater good of the work as a whole, the sacrifice was made—not too cheerfully perhaps.

A successor in the editorial chair has not yet been secured so when the Editorial committee met for the first time to prepare this number—without an editor—even more grievous, without Miss Whale—it was indeed with sad hearts.

This sadness, we believe, will be shared by all the readers of Glad Tidings and by many more throughout the Church. In the six years of Miss Whale's service as editor she has made a deep impact upon the whole society to which she has made a valuable contribution and not only as editor—but there the results of her interest, ability and unremitting effort are conspicuous in the marked improvement in the magazine in format and in content.

But her influence has gone out beyond the printed page in the direct contact of her personality with the women and girls of our church in her speaking tours through the society. In all the avenues of her service she has brought to bear her warm interest in people and her Christian witness, with all the powers of a keen mind.

Yes, she has been a wonderful editor; we are sure she will be a wonderful director of overseas missions. But she must be supported with our prayers.

In the meantime, what of the magazine without an editor? For months all conceivable means have been used to secure one, without success. Advertisements in our church papers brought no replies and none from a Presbyterian from those in the secular press. The presidents of the Synodicals were appealed to for suggestions. Those whose names were sent in either were unable to consider the proposition or had been already approached. Every suggested lead was followed—in vain.

Have you anything to suggest? In reading your Glad Tidings remember that none of the present producers has had any training or experience in the production of a magazine and pray that the need may be met soon.

Prayer

OUR Father in heaven, we ask that Thou wilt make each one of us very conscious of Thy presence as we bow before Thee—we come trusting in the precious promise of Thy word, that Thou wilt hear, and answer, the believing prayers of Thy children.

We ask that Thou wilt keep us mindful of Thy Holy Spirit interceding through us, and of our Lord and Saviour interceding for us in Thy presence. In this confidence we come before Thee, pleading to be made unhindered channels of the blessing Thou dost wait to bestow, through prayer.

We pray especially for Formosa, to-day—we thank Thee for the many evidences of Thy blessing upon the work of our church there, and for the ready response to the Gospel message. We thank Thee, also, for the dispersed missionaries from China, whom Thou hast called to aid in carrying the word to hitherto unreached places. May Thy Holy Spirit live in, and through them all with mighty power; and may they be given daily strength for the great work committed to them. May men and women see the living Christ in them, and be irresistibly drawn to Him.

In these days of anxious uncertainty and unrest, keep the hearts of all these, Thy children, in perfect peace, and quiet confidence. We ask that Thou wilt over-rule all things by Thy great power.

Protect the Island from invasion, we beseech Thee, if it be Thy will; that the work of Thy church may not be hindered.

Thou art the Lord God Ominipotent—whose loving care is over all Thine own; and we commit them to Thy keepings, claiming victory—in Jesus' name—over every enemy.

Keep us faithful in prayer for them, assured that Thou art able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask, or think,

In Jesus' name we pray, and for His sake.

Amen.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS

Prepared by MISS LOUISE REITH, M.A.

Let us go . . . . unto Bethlehem

Leader:

"Men travel bravely by a thousand roads,
Some broad and lined with palaces, some steep
And hard and lonely, some that blindly twist
Through tangled jungles, where there is no light;
And mostly they are travelled thoughtlessly.
But once a year an ancient question comes
To every traveller passing on his way,
A question that can stab and burn and bless:
'Is this the road that leads to Bethlehem?' "

Reader:

"Show us the road to Bethlehem
This Christmas Day.
We have heard of joy in Bethlehem
But we do not know the way.
"There is peace for the world in Bethlehem
This Christmas Day.
We would worship the Babe in Bethlehem
But we have lost our way."—M.C.A.

Leader: Is this the road that leads to Bethlehem?" men ask.
They say, "We do not know the way . . . . . We would worship the Babe in Bethlehem, but we have lost our way."
How truly these words speak for many, many people in the world today. Down through the centuries men and nations have been seeking the way to peace. They are still seeking today, seeking a way that will lead them out of fear. Some there are who realize that "There is peace for the world in Bethlehem," but sadly acknowledge,—"We have lost our way."

Let us at this Christmas time look back across the years to the first Christmas in Bethlehem, look at ourselves today, and truly seek the road that leads to Bethlehem, and follow it to . . . Peace.

Hymn: Book of Praise—No. 173—O Come all ye Faithful.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20.

Centuries ago to shepherds carrying out their humble daily tasks there came the "good tidings of great joy" which were for "all people"—the news of the birth of the Saviour who was to bring eternal life and peace. The hearts of the humble shepherds were ready to receive the message of the angels and they resolved to go immediately and see "these things which have come to pass."

Having made the decision there was no delay. They went "with haste". The truth of the good news they had heard was confirmed and, having seen, they went out and made it known abroad. They heard, they experienced the truth of what they had heard, and then their first desire was to share the joyful tidings with others.

Reader:

"Only a child—His Christmas Gift
Heralded by a star,
But a light was set in the dusk of the years,
And the rays have shined afar.
And ever in faith when the eyes of men
Behold His star in the night
Their steps are turned to the Way again,
And they find in the Christ their Light."

—Mary Susanne Edgar.

Hymn: Book of Praise—No. 178—Brightest and best of the Sons of the Morning, verses 1, 2, and 5.

Leader: When men "behold His star—their steps are turned to the Way . . . . they find in the Christ their Light." On the eve of the first Christmas Wisemen in the East beheld His star. They followed its rays. They found the road to Bethlehem. They found the Saviour of the world.

Scripture Reading: St. Matt. 2:1-11.

Reader:

"Two thousand years ago at Bethlehem
God lit a candle: to its radiant light
Came men from near and far.
It still lights up the darkness of the world.
Still in the hearts of men who come to seek
It is the guiding star."—F. G. Goddard.

Leader: "Still in the hearts of men who come to seek. It is the guiding star." . . . . "Of men who come to seek." . . . If we would find the road that leads to Bethlehem we must seek it. It will not be easy. Many things may hide from us the rays of the guiding star but through the darkness there will be rays. Rays of understanding, of concern, of attempts to live in harmony with others, rays of hope and faith. Upon these we must ever keep our eyes. There will be barriers across the road to Bethlehem just as at the present time, because of political conditions, there is an impassable frontier between Israel and Jordan except for one check point in the city of Jerusalem. That impassable frontier goes right across the historic highway linking Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

It is significant that all through the year there is a barrier on the road to Bethlehem, except for a few hours on Christmas Eve. Then the road is open to allow worshippers to make their way to the city of David. A writer commenting on this said:—"It is an emblem both of our modern divisions and the way to our peace that on Christmas Eve the road to Bethlehem is clear. The road to Bethlehem will be open again on Christmas Eve for the pilgrim who goes to pray for peace on earth—the Christmas prayer for all men of goodwill. It is but a token that the love which came down at Christmas removes every barrier, and makes plain every path that brings men to God."

Reader:

"The world harassed by constant strife
And dangers rife,
And weary for the paths of peace,
Where conflicts cease,
Finds not its quest in ways of man,
Nor ever can.
"For only in God's plan and way,
From day to day,
Can hearts find peace, or nations know
The paths to go—
His rule in gracious righteousness,
Alone can bless."—F. S. Shepard.

Hymn: Book of Praise—No. 177—As with Gladness Men of Old—vs. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Prayer: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, amid the joys of this Christmas Season we would come to Thee, the source of all our joy, to give Thee thanks. Especially do we give Thee thanks and praise for the gift of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We give thanks that He did come to earth, that He lived among men, that He ministered unto them and showed the Way of Life. Lead us, our Father, "even unto Bethlehem", that as the shepherds and the wisemen we too may seek and find and offer our gifts and ourselves to Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords. May none feel too wise to seek or have need of Him, none feel too humble to come into His presence and own Him as Lord.

We thank Thee that in every land there are those who have heard of Thy great love and have found Christ. We pray that that fellowship may extend and Christians of all lands may join to lead the world into the only Way to true peace.

Bless all little children and help them to understand why such joy is their's at Christmas. Help us all to celebrate Christmas in ways acceptable to Thee. Give to all those who profess to follow Thee the courage to stand fast in the faith and the realization that it is their responsibility to spread abroad the good tidings of great joy. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hymn: Book of Praise—No. 148—Joyful, joyful we adore Thee.

Benediction: Bless us, our Father, as we go forth from this service, but not from Thy presence. Make us ever conscious of Thy Father-love. Knowing that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us may we go forward in the midst of the difficulties and problems which confront us, joyfully serving Thee. Amen.

Princeton - - - and the Women of Canada

Miss Margaret Webster, who represented the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the meetings of the World Presbyterian Alliance in Princeton, New Jersey, last summer, writes about . . .

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY—and the Presbyterian Theological Seminary there—formed the setting for the 17th General Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance and the final meeting of the Women's International Union last summer. To the Alliance meetings came 400 people representative of the 40,000,000 Presbyterians in over 40 countries of the world.

"The Witness of the Reformed Churches in the World to-day" was the main theme of the meetings. Such outstanding leaders of the Presbyterian Church as President John Mackay (Princeton Theological Seminary), Principal John Baillie and Professor T. F. Torrance, (New College, Edinburgh), President Henry P. Van Dusen (Union Theological Seminary in New York) and Professor J. L. Hromadka, (Prague, Czechoslovakia) were present to speak and share in discussions.

At this time I shall not attempt to narrate the nature of the meetings nor the content of the messages and discussions. That has already been done in "The Record". Instead I should like to pass on some of the thoughts that come to my mind as I consider the implications of Princeton for the women of Canada.

The Theological Basis of our Faith.

One conviction that became firmly impressed on my mind during the days at Princeton was that the members of our Church need to know more about the theological basis of our Presbyterian doctrines. Several times during the meetings I heard people — both men and women — say "I'm lost in this discussion" or "I'm no theologian." Yet, surely we ought not to be "lost" in a discussion because it happens to be on a theological subject. Our Church is not one which would leave such matters to a few paid theologians — rather the very essence of its teaching is that all members have the privilege, indeed the responsibility, for knowing what they believe and why.

If we are to be intelligent Presbyterians, it will require some effort. We shall need to read and study more than we have — the Bible itself and other books on theology. Our existing Church groups should be having some serious discussions on various aspects of our Presbyterian doctrines. We should be seeking the help of our ministers to clarify our thinking on the matter of our beliefs.

Our Place in the Church.

Then as the meetings progressed, I became more strongly convinced about the place of the laity—and particularly the place of women—in the life of our Presbyterian Church. The importance of the full use of the gifts of *all* members, irrespective of sex, was stressed. "The Witness of the Laity" was the theme of one full session; "The Renewal of the Witness of Lay men and Women" was the subject of a noon-day address; again and again through the discussions this subject came to the fore.

During the sessions the constitution of the Alliance was revised to allow the various member Churches to appoint as delegates to the General Council Meetings "members"—either men or women, ordained or not ordained. The matter of the ordination of women to the eldership and full ministry of the Church was discussed and will be studied further by a special commission.

What does all this mean for us—the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada? It will probably mean larger responsibilities—in our local churches as well as in the Church as a whole. Already many congregations include women as members of the Board of Managers—more are likely to do so. Already women sit as members of some of the Boards of the Church—increasing responsibilities are likely to come. Women have a contribution to make in sound judgment, ability to see a project through to its conclusion, concern about the detail. They must be ready to shoulder their share of the load, to serve their Church where they are needed, to express their point of view. There is no thought that women must begin to "run" the Church—we must be careful to avoid any such thought and the total task of the Church is one that must be shared by its total membership—men and women alike.

Togetherness.

At Princeton one was aware of the "togetherness" of the Church. There could no longer be major emphasis on the Presbyterian Church in Smiths' Corners, or even on the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This was the Presbyterian Church in the World. In fact so many things that were said at Princeton made one realize that one could not stop even with the Presbyterian Church in the World but only with the Church of Jesus Christ. Such a concept of the Church breaks down barriers of race and color, of nationality and denomination.

For us in Canada this demands some self-examination. In a majority of our congregations there are several organizations for women—sometimes working almost in competition. Should we not be thinking of working together rather than in competition? By that I do not necessarily mean amalgamation, for it is often more satisfactory to have small groups working together rather than larger ones. But I do mean that we should all be pressing forward together, in mutual respect and co-operation, for the one purpose—the strengthening of the Church of Jesus Christ both at home and farther afield. Then too, should we not be having an occasional project with the women of the other Communions in the communities in which we live? Far too seldom do we enjoy the fellowship which we may have with others engaged in similar work and meeting the same problems.

Altogether Princeton offers a challenge to the women of Canada—a call to examine ourselves and our work in the Church, a call to more meaningful faith and more excellent service.

Opportunity

Lest haply thou shouldst miss her outstretched hand.
Adown the busy street there falls a sound
Presaging something other than the round
Of common things, that make Life's melody.
With buoyand feet we rise to greet this Guest
Who beckons those to follow in the quest,
Whose eyes are clear with Hope's expectancy,
Who hears the call, he needs must to obey,
For well we know we dare not make delay
To catch the skirts of Opportunity.
She passes quickly by the door,
And poising, merely scans the threshold o'er
Ere vanishing she leaves an empty street.
Thou, O my Soul be watchful, rise and stand,

MARGARET M. GRIEVE, *in Life and Work.*

ALL FOR CHRIST CHRIST FOR ALL

Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A. sends to us

A REMINDER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN PRE-ASSEMBLY CONGRESS

A FEW months ago the Presbyterian Church in Canada gathered men and women representating the Presbyteries of the church across the Dominion. The purpose of the meeting was to review the work of the various departments of the church and especially to renew by fellowship and preaching, our faith in the power of God working through us as individuals who serve Him in our chosen Church.

By this time our thoughts may have wandered from those few days at the end of May and the beginning of June. Those who represented the Presbyteries may still be giving their reports — or the Congress may be but a memory. However that may be, it is well, as we move on in our year's work, to recall that time of inspiration in order that we may realize that the work done in our places, in our congregations and presbyteries is part of the task God has given to the Presbyterian Church in Canada to accomplish.

For the delegates, very full and valuable information on Home and Foreign missions, the Budget, principles of Stewardship, Pensions, Colleges, Church Publications and the work of laymen in the Church. Special leaders, American and Canadian, dealt with special subjects such as the Church and international affairs; the downtown church, women in the work of the church.

Christian education was given a prominent place in the whole study programme, emphasizing the importance of training children, teenagers and young people, in the knowledge of the Christian church.

Methods and materials were demonstrated to leaders of all age groups and as your year progresses – many parts of the Christian education programme in your church should be reflecting some of the ideas discussed at the Congress.

The more technical features of the Church's work was only the background for the real purpose of the Congress, namely: the inspiration of fellowship, one with the other for friend met friend and made new ones from all parts of Canada; and for the inspiration of the spoken word directing us again as Christian people back to basic meanings of the Christian religion.

Guests from abroad, our own missionaries and leaders, were in charge of the plenary sessions. Reverend Ronald S. Wallace, Scotland; Reverend William Fitch, Scotland, Reverend Walter Barlow, United States; came from neigbouring lands to bring us anew the realization that the Truth Christ taught long ago is for all men in all parts of the World, and that only in practicing His way can we all have peace. "If Christ is not in a community, in the hearts of the people, no matter what they may have, they have not life, they are hopeless and lost and dead." Mr. Wallace further said "We should always live in the assurance that we have passed from death to life." We are to duplicate the life of Christ, but we can't do it by knowing the rules, He must be in our hearts . . . we must rise and take up what is already ours. The only thing that hinders us is the thing within us that harkens to Satan. We must conquer that. God will know our faith. Progress and Victory are possible."

"Paul asks us to appreciate anew the fellowship we have in Christ. When we have closed with sin we have done with isolation."

From overseas we heard the challenge of our neighbours in other lands. Miss Margaret Kennedy, missionary to the Bhils, India, reminded us that Christianity has no line of discrimination. "God working through history has brought nations together. It matters what our neighbours think of our witness for the Church of Christ. Mr. Kenneth Massih of the United Church of North India said "The West has given the East a materialistic philosophy. Now it is the duty of the Church to give a spiritual philosophy." Reverend K. S. Cho of Japan: "If there is sin in the Church, it will destroy her. The Church must be separated from the sinful world. We must worship only God. In the last day we stand before God alone, only God's love can overcome all enemies, can bring peace into the world."

Our duty, and our sure hope of success – these were brought to us during the Presbyterian Congress. Discipleship, stewardship, evangelism, missions, all together work to bring us all to Christ and make Christ possible for all.

Organization Staff News

NEW HORIZONS AHEAD!

Miss Margaret MacNaughton

Miss Margaret MacNaughton, who has served since 1950 as Regional Secretary in Manitoba moved to Toronto at the first of November to become Director of Christian Education at Victoria Presbyterian Church, because she feels that, for a time at least, she would like to have the opportunity of working in a local congregation.

Miss MacNaughton has not only made a good contribution to the work in the Province in which she served, but has given much constructive help to the total work of the Organization Department.

Our best wishes will follow her in her new work for the Church.

British Columbia Regional Secretary.

During the interim until a successor is appointed to Miss Grace Mackay as Regional Secretary for British Columbia, Mrs. Norval G. Robertson will care for necessary correspondence of the Regional Secretary in that Province. Mrs. Robertson is a minister's wife, was formerly a school teacher, and is at present Girls' Organizations Secretary for British Columbia Synodical.

We should make clear that Mrs. Robertson is not undertaking any speaking engagements or field work related to the work of the Regional Secretary, but if there is correspondence which would ordinarily be directed to the Regional Secretary in British Columbia, it should be addressed to Mrs. N. G. Robertson, 4206 Dumfries Street, Vancouver 12, British Columbia.

Miss Grace Mackay

The World Presbyterian Alliance Establishes a Department of Women's Work

Miss Margaret Webster is appointed Corresponding Secretary for the American Area.

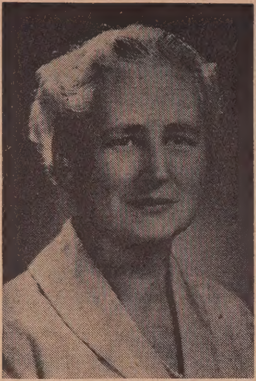
THE World Presbyterian Alliance, at its meeting in Princeton, New Jersey, last summer, established a Department of Women's Work. The function of this new Department will be "to study ways by which women may more effectively serve their Church and the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian Order, and to foster a closer fellowship among women in the Reformed Churches of the World."

The Department replaces the Women's International Union which was founded at the time of the World Presbyterian Alliance meeting in Toronto, Canada, in 1892. As the women's fellowship grew, it became increasingly apparent that the Union and the Alliance should work more closely; consequently at a meeting of the Alliance held in 1937 (also in Toronto) the Women's International Union was recognized as the official women's organization of the Alliance.

In recent years the need for an even closer tie with the Alliance was evident. A survey of the opinions of the women (wherever possible through the official women's organizations) of the member Churches was made. As a result of the majority opinion expressed and the unanimous vote of the women attending the meetings this year, the Women's International Union petitioned the 17th General Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance to establish a Department of Women's Work.

The Department of Women's Work of the World Presbyterian Alliance came into being on August 2, 1954, at Princeton. The Lady Louise P. MacDermott of Belfast, Northern Ireland, honour graduate in Modern History and Political Science from Trinity College, Dublin, and officer in several women's and youth organizations in the British Isles, was elected the first Chairman of the Department. It will be of interest to women in Canada to know that Lady MacDermott is the sister of Reverend G. Dean Johnston, Minister of Central Presbyterian Church,

Miss Margaret Webster



The Lady Louise P. McDermott

Other officers elected were Miss Margaret Webster, Director of Organization for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as Corresponding Secretary for the American area, Dr. Marga Buhrig (Federation of Protestant Churches of Switzerland) Corresponding Secretary for the European area, and Mrs. Alan Campbell Whitelaw (Presbyterian Church of New Zealand) Corresponding Secretary for the Australasian area.

"In Him and through Him distances shrink to closeness." These words, from the message from the final meeting of the Women's International Union to the women of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches who, because of distance or diplomatic or political reasons were not able to attend the meetings in Princeton, symbolize the purpose of the Union. This purpose of strengthening the Christian unity among the women of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches throughout the World together with an attempt to strengthen the service of these women to the Church will continue to be the purpose of this new Department. The remainder of that message to women in the far parts of the world might well be a call to all women who will be represented in the Department:

> Let us "carry our purposes *together* to the throne of our Lord."
> Let us "pray with *one* heart for the renewal of our Church and for the peace of the world."
> Let us "offer ourselves *together* as living and burning sacrifices to Him."
> "*Together*" let us "try to serve Him."
> "*Together*" let us "learn to obey Him."

Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

Dr. Hugh MacMillan writes from China

Church Guest House,
Hong Kong.

Dear Miss Whale:

Last February at the T.K.C. (Young People's Society) leaders' Spring Conference Mrs. P'eng gave a talk on "Jesus Christ, the Hope of Family Life To-day." She really did a very good job. She spoke with freedom as one who had become quite a master of her subject and as quite a student of the Bible and of family relations in to-day's social confusion. She deeply impressed her audience.

In English and in black and white, this material does not give the kind of impression one got from Mrs. P'eng's talk. This is of course natural. However, these few pages will give some idea of the thinking of a representative woman elder of the Church in Formosa and of the kind of leadership they are able to give to youth.

"JESUS CHRIST, THE HOPE OF FAMILY LIFE TODAY"

Notes on a talk given at the Spring Conference of the T.K.C. February 1954, by Mrs. C. K. P'eng, an elder in a church in Kaoshiung, Formosa. Translated from the Chinese by Miss Katherine Lin of the Taipei Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Hugh MacMillan.

Introduction.

The family is the basic unit of human society; of each community and of each country. The individual is part of the family. Whether the family is good or bad, whether one likes it or not; in the past, in the present or in the future, relationship in the family is inescapable. Because of the close relationship between the members of a family we dislike outsiders hearing of our private family affairs. A Chinese saying goes, "Family affairs are never discussed in public." Another Chinese saying is "Even three judges cannot pass judgment on family affairs." This shows how complicated family affairs really are. So for these reasons most people say, "Let us forget this difficult subject." So, it gets ignored.

The Origin of the Family.

Though the attitude of most people is to ignore the problem of the family, yet we must give consideration to it, especially we who are Christians. Let us begin with the origin of the family. According to the Bible, Genesis 1:24-28, God created the earth and all that is within it. Later he created man in his own image. From a rib of man he created woman. Then God took the first woman to the first man and gave her to him in marriage, and they became man and wife. This was the origin of the first family. We see from this that it was the purpose of God to institute marriage, and the family. It was not something conceived by man himself. This is something that should not be forgotten.

The Structure of the Family.

The family structure is quite different from that of an ordinary organization. Its special features are:

1. It begins with one, which later is completed by another and the two become one, based on the relationship of love.

2. Man is made in the image of God so he is clean and pure and whole. Woman is part of man, of the same blood, and the same quality of purity and wholeness. So the two are holy in God's sight.

3. Both are endowed with wisdom and with special ability. Genesis 2:19., Man named all the creatures of the earth and has dominion over them. Woman was created by God to be able to help man. This shows that God has a purpose for her in life. Both have equality and their life in the family is based on equality.

God's Purpose for the Family.

(a) To teach people to live and work together. Genesis 2:18, "It is not good that man should be alone." Human beings need the help of each other to live together. If we look at God's creation in nature we see that a basic, underlying principle is co-operation and unity. For example, in the world, trees and plants rely upon the carbon dioxide of animals, and animals rely on the oxygen from plants and trees. Too, animals must rely on each other's help in obtaining their food. This may be seen in a small form in ants. They raise children; make a place to live and store food. Each one in the ant family has a part to play. The most interesting thing is that when two ants meet on the way, they give way to each other, or if they are acquainted they greet each other by touching each other. One ant will also give to another ant if it is hungry or thirsty. This shows a God given, natural habit. So God intended us, in the family and in society, to help each other physically as well as spiritually.

(b) Genesis 1:28. The second purpose is for procreation. In the animal world, when the young are born they very soon can manage for themselves, but human beings are different. At birth humans can only cry. If no adult helped them they would soon die. No, a human being has to wait a year to walk. Then he must become mature at about twenty years of age before he can manage his own life. This long period of development needs the love and protection of the family. This is the main responsibility of the family, procreation and protection, and unless assumed the human race would die out.

(c) Genesis 1:26-28. God gave man dominion over nature. This means that God made man to go out into His world to beautify it and to continue His great work of creation. This is not something that can be done by persons working on their own. It needs the co-operation and effort of many people. Thus God's purpose for man's life is clear, and in this purpose the family has its responsibilities and duties. This is a great mission.

The Mission of the Family.

So, we see that human beings are not created for their own selfish enjoyment of life. If human beings were created for their own enjoyment they would be no higher than animals. God created human beings in order that they then create, administer and build up His creation. The mission of the family is to complete this mission, in this manner. The family provides for the physical growth and the discipline necessary for good health and wholesome life. It also provides for the spiritual, mental and social growth of the child and the adult as well. This needs the co-operation of both husband and wife. So often after marriage a couple will forget or neglect their great mission. There is a Chinese saying, "We have to eat until we die, and we should continue to learn until we die."

A husband and his wife learn from each other: each supplying the other's need; each a complement of the other. It is in this way that we ourselves, create.

How to Create a Family.

Two healthy individuals should be able to create an ideal home; given similar ideals and a willingness to enjoy life and to suffer together. Even though their status be different, they must each respect the other, love and comfort, encourage and sympathize with each other. Each should be willing to sacrifice for the other in order to become the ideal family. It is in this kind of family that their children can grow up in a spirit of love, loyalty and co-operation. In this atmosphere the truly beautiful family is created.

How to Create a Good Society.

An even more important task is to build a good society. God gave people His power and His wisdom to complete His work of creation in the world. It is from the family that society derives the spirit of co-operation and responsibility for building society. Like a train that needs to come back to the station to be re-equipped to further perform its work, so the family members need to come back home for help and courage to do the work that is theirs to do. The purpose of the family is to fulfil God's purpose in the world, and it is our privilege to work with Him in fulfilling this purpose.

The Early History of the Family.

Now, let us look back to early history to see if human beings have, according to God's purpose, fulfilled their mission. In the beginning Adam and Eve were in close relationship with God. Made in the image of God, that relationship reflected God's approval. How happy they were in that relationship with Him! Then, like naughty children, they met temptation and departed from God. The incident of taking the fruit from the tree of God shows that something in their relationship with each other interfered with their love for God. How tragic that was! When God confronted them with the evil they had done, each blamed the other and would not take responsibility for their actions. This led to separation from God and to unhappiness and misery. The atmosphere of their home life changed from love and trust to dissatisfaction and quarreling. The result of this is seen in the second generation, in Caleb and Esau. Since then, down through the generations, man has over and over been separated from God and the purpose of marriage has not been fully realized.

The State of the Family To-day.

We find that to-day in some countries women have position and status but in others they do not. In certain societies in the world, the position of women has been dependent on whether men or women were in power: matriarchal or patriarchal societies. Even as late as one hundred years ago, women not only in the Orient but also in the Occident had very little say in the family. The husband had all the say and could even beat his wife. Would you call that a family.

About 70 or 80 years ago a revolution for the equality of women began. At that time men began to realize that women with education could help to improve the family. But although some progress has been made, we haven't yet fulfilled our high mission in the family. Look at to-day's world. In highly civilized Western countries, the economic situation is good and there is a high standard of living with higher education available for women. We Orientals envy these Western people. We think how happy their family life must be. But unfortunately, according to news reports, in the past ten years in the United States, for example, there were 700,000 divorces. This would indicate that there is something wrong with family life there.

Family Situation in Formosa.

The old family traditions prevail. After the Restoration there was great hope of freedom, but most people did not comprehend the real meaning of freedom. So there have been few changes in the pattern of life, and moral standards have broken down. In this environment family life becomes very complicated and problems increase.

In our families old and young think differently, but neither have any stable pattern ideas. So there is strong disagreements over marriage problems. This is revealed in newspaper reports of divorces, concubinage and prostitution. Also, men think only of profits and their own welfare and neglect their wives and children. Women are not aware of their mission in the family in these times.

What are we to do?

How are we to achieve peace and to build a good society. The stability of the nation depends on the stability of families, and the good world society depends on the stability of nations. If this be true the way to peace and a good society must begin with the family. If we do not solve this problem, man will destroy himself. Thanks be to God, since the beginning, when he made man, his love never changes. Even when Adam and Eve made a mistake and mankind continued to sin, still God loved man and continues to love sinful man. Look at the Old Testament prophets who were always calling men to repent and return to God. Then, God finally gave His only son Jesus Christ to save us and bring us back to the Father. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me." So Jesus Christ is the hope of the world; first of the family.

As we have already said, both in the West and in the East the family situation is very complicated. We know that material progress in science or education will not alone save the family. There is only one way to realize the ideal family and that is by return to God, to restore the spiritual basis of the family. The Pharisees asked Jesus about divorce and adultery. (Mark 10:2-12 and Matthew 19:3-12). From this we see that the secret of the family is, as Jesus said, "Learn of me. "We must study the life of Jesus as our pattern. "Believe in me and do my works. "In all this disappointing family situation, if we are willing to follow Jesus we must begin first with family worship and prayers. Then we must trust that Jesus will give us power to achieve the Christian way of life. It is only by prayerful living that we can become Christianized.

To-day if young men and women really want to build an ideal home they should not be afraid to try, having first put their faith in Jesus Christ.

FROM EDINBURGH TO CALABAR

United Nations Teachers with group of African women students.

Scott's Monument from Prince's St., Edinburgh.

By

MISS MARY E. WHALE, B.A.

SOME time near the turn of the year, there will be completed a journey which will be history making not only for the two young women who make the trip but for our Society and for the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

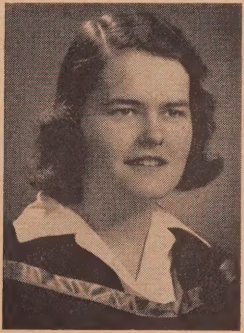
It cannot be just a coincidence that Miss Agnes Gollan and Miss oan Rochemont are preparing for their departure to Calabar in the city and in the country from which comes so much of the heritage of our Church and of our country. The shadow of ancient castles wherein through the centuries have enacted battles and romances which are legend to our people, fall upon them daily. The memory of great men of letters is constantly before Church of Eastern Nigeria is the them — in statues — tangible signs of a great past seen throughout the lovely gardens and walks which make the Scottish capital famous. Perhaps they are most conscious of the influence of the great warrior of our faith, John Knox, as they become acquainted with the Church he founded and as they look forward to serving within that Church.

From the ancient city, whose tiny gardens with their bright flowers of summer defy the approach of grey mists, the forerunner of winter, the young missionaries go to Calabar, a land lying almost directly upon the equator. It is not possible for this pen to describe the contrast they will find in climate and habitat, but it is a challenge to the imagination to realize that the message they take from the ancient city and from the historic Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian same one of hope and faith which has brought us through all generations to the same place — to a fellowship which knows no boundary of space in which there is no barrier of living standard.

One cannot be with the officials of the Church of Scotland for long without realizing with new meaning that it is a great and historic Church. It has extended its influence into many lands. Approximately two hundred and ninety missionaries serve in various parts of Pakistan, India, Arabia, Africa and British West Indies. At home it is the official church of Scotland and as such wields a wide influence on all Scottish affairs. The part the Presbyterian Church in Canada is to play is within the Church established by the Scottish mission in Nigeria. Calabar is a province of that country and the particular place where Agnes Gollan and Joan Rochemont are going this autumn.

In Calabar, the two Canadian missionaries will be doing evengelistic work among women. They will learn to give leadership to Nigerian women who will in turn be the evangelists helping the women of their land learn the meaning of the Christian Gospel. This work is directed partly by the missionary council (made up of missionaries from the sending churches) and partly by a committee of the Nigerian Church.

You have heard or read of this new venture of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. You will know that it is the hope of the Church to increase the number of missionaries sent to aid in the work in this country. As the two young women go forth we cannot be oblivious of the meaning of their going. The fact that they are going to a Church already established is one point we must understand. They are working as partners not only of the Scottish



Miss Agnes Gollan

Miss Joan Rochemont

missionaries who are there, but also of the Nigerian Church workers. This is an indication of the growing together of the Christian Church throughout the world. We must support Miss Gollan and Miss Rochemont realizing that they are going forth as Christian missionaries. They represent us only if we support the "Missions of the World Church . . ." If we are "partners in obedience," not only with our own colleagues within the Church, but with Him who called us all to His service at home and abroad.

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MRS. ROD MACDONALD

Since writing the article "A Pioneer Presbyterian Ponders Progress" in this issue, death has claimed Mrs. Rod Macdonald. Inevitably her loss will be felt most acutely in the Peace River Presbyterial, but the loss extends the length and breadth of our Society. Never has there been a more vigorous and dynamic spirit in our midst than Mrs. Rod Macdonald. Always a person of inexhaustible charity, infectious humour, broad tolerance, she had a passion for the things of God too seldom found among His children. Mrs. Macdonald lived a life that was rich and full. All who knew her felt the beauty of her personality and forever we shall thank God for the life of this rare and beloved spirit.

—L.K.P

Sharing in Canadian Missions

National News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan B. Robson have been appointed Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario. Mr. Robson has been in charge of the Kenora Church for the past two years and under his ministry there the work has continued to develop. We are fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Robson become members of our National staff and we know the members of our Society will be remembering them in their prayers as they take up this very important work.

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After leave of absence, Mrs. Leatherdale returned to her work as Hospital Visitor in Montreal on September 15th. Her letter tells of her joy in returning to her work.

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Miss Muriel Judd is doing deputation work in the Synodical of Hamilton and London during the months of October and November.

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A most interesting and instructive conference, sponsored by the Welfare Council of Greater Winnipeg, on Indians and Metis in Manitoba, was conducted in Winnipeg, October 6th, 7th and 8th. Representatives of the Churches at work among the Indians in Manitoba were present. Rev. D. C. Hill, Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba, represented the General Board of Missions and Miss Frieda E. Matthews, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)

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Mrs W. B. Leatherdale

A Pioneer Presbyterian Ponders about Progress

by MRS. ROD MACDONALD
Blueberry Mountain, Alberta

THE two women who most influenced my life, were my mother, Mrs. Donald McEwen; and Lady Aberdeen, the founder of the National Council of Women.

When Lady Aberdeen organized the local council at Brandon, Manitoba, my mother was its first President, and as President, later opened the first Victorian Order Hospital, in Manitoba, at Shoal Lake.

Through the Council, my mother and Lady Aberdeen became fast friends; corresponding regularly, until my mother's death.

On my living room wall hangs a beautifully framed and autographed photograph of Lady Aberdeen, sent to me on the occasion of my first marriage. Shortly before her death she wrote me, enclosing a photograph, taken in her home on her eightieth Birthday, along with a copy of her latest book, "The Musings of a Scottish Granny," sent in memory of a happy day spent at "Tullichewen," our farm home at Brandon.

I have been asked to write something of my life in connection with Missionary and Church work.

If I have accomplished little, it is not the fault of my background. My mother was active in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in Toronto from its beginning. Her Life Membership Certificate bears the name of Mrs. McMurchy, mother of our late beloved friend Bessie McMurchy.

My first Sunday School teachers were Mary Caven, daughter of Principal Caven of Knox College, and Edith Brown, daughter of Hon. George Brown, founder of the Toronto Globe.

At seven years of age, I listened to the Rev. James Robertson, as he pled with the Congregation of old St. James Square to help send men and money to open churches in the great Northwest.

At the age of five, I was stricken with rheumatic fever, and I can still feel the strong, tender hands of my physician, Dr. Emily Stowe, a much loved friend of the family.

Dr. Stowe, worked with my mother in securing the Municipal franchise for women of Ontario, and the opening of Medical Colleges to Women students.

As a child, I went with my mother to the home of old Dr. Barrett where they discussed the building of a Women's Medical School. In later years, I followed with interest the young women who graduated from that same Medical School; some going to our Mission fields.

In 1884, our family moved to Manitoba, to a farm four miles north of Brandon.

My mother was not long in organizing Auxiliaries, which in 1886 constituted the Brandon Presbyterial; the first in the West.

The Auxiliary to which we belonged was at Zion Church, North Brandon. We younger members were well trained to properly address the Chair; to speak out so clearly, that we would be heard at the farthest end of any building; and all encouraged to lead in prayer. The first Presbyterial Secretary came from this Auxiliary. It is still wonderfully active, having practically every women in the district a member. It is now working in the United Church.

After my marriage to James Henderson of Brandon, I joined the Auxiliary there, and was for many years Corresponding Secretary of the Brandon Presbyterial.

I was sent in 1925 as delegate to the Pre-Assembly Congress.

Some years after my husband's death, I moved to Saskatchewan, where I became Mrs. Rod Macdonald. I was, for a number of years, President of the Whitewood Auxiliary, a mere eleven and a half miles from our farm.

In 1934, we moved to Blueberry Mountain in Alberta.

I invited the women of the district to my home for the World's Day of Prayer in 1936, and after the service we organized our Auxiliary. I was President until three years ago, when I thought it high time to retire and have younger women take office.

In August of the same year, we held in our home a Presbyterian Church Service, and since then have had student ministers. We have had visits from many ministers from the East, including our Ex Moderator Rev. J. A. MacInnis D.D., and some years ago; Rev. W. A. Cameron, our present Moderator.

On July 26th, 1951, our fine "Munro Presbyterian Church" was dedicated to the Glory of God.

It was through the work of our Auxiliary that the Board of Missions came to know there was such a place as Blueberry Mountain.

So ends this rambling account of my life and work, neither of which has been outstanding. I have just tried to remember that it is required in Stewards that they be found faithful.

Mrs. Rod Macdonald,
Blueberry Mountain, Alta.

Opportunities Among Our Chinese Citizens in Canada

by REVEREND DAVID A. SMITH, D.D.

NEVER in the history of Chinese residence in Canada, have the opportunities for doing Christian work been as good as they are to-day.

Church work among the Chinese in Canada dates back to the very early days in B.C. when men drifted in to that Province from the gold diggings of California to seek their fortune in the Cariboo. Soon others arrived, including two shiploads of Chinese laborers from Hong Kong to finish the C.P.R. line from Lytton to the Pacific coast. At that time English, and Sunday school classes were started among these men, and thus was laid the foundation of our Presbyterian Chinese Mission work.

It is a far cry from these early, difficult missionary efforts until to-day. It was slow work then, and demanded a great deal of patience and faith on the part of those in the work. For the most part only Chinese men were admitted to this country at that time. Neither the men, nor the few women who were allowed to enter, were very eager to embrace our Christian teachings or ally themselves with the Church, though most of them were anxious to learn English.

All that is changed to-day. We find Chinese now taking a leading part in every department of the Church's work. The last World War did much to break down prejudice and disinterestedness. That is true both of the Chinese and our own Canadian people, for then, actually for the first time, every department of Canadian civil life and work was possible for them, particularly for the young Chinese men and women, who are to-day privileged to take their rightful part in all walks of life.

The greatest change has been brought about however, by the passing of the Canadian Citizenship Act of 1947. Native born and naturalized, Chinese may now qualify for citizenship. Amendments also, to the Immigration Act, as affecting Chinese, quickly followed. Chinese men who had been in this country for many many years could now bring into this land their wives, and children up to the age of 21 years. This has had a most far reaching effect on Chinese life in

Canada. Home life, so long lacking, is now made possible. As one man put it, – "though I have been in this country for over 30 years, now that my wife and family have arrived, I feel for the first time that I really and truly 'belong'. I now enjoy all the rights and privileges of Canada, and gladly share in its responsibilities."

Because of this far reaching change in Chinese life here, new families, therefore, are to be found all across Canada. Well over 8000 wives, sons, daughters, have already arrived, and still they come as Immigration Permits are issued. Greater Vancouver, mostly because of these new-comers, now has a Chinese population of 15,000 or more. This increase, proportionately, is true of all our Chinese centres.

Never, then, has the opportunity for work, and the exercise of our Christian privilege, in Sunday school, and Church, and even in our homes, been so great. Last year our Vancouver Kindergarten had an enrollment of 120, and a daily average of over 70. Owing to the increase in Kindergarten, Sunday School, etc., permission has been granted by Presbytery to establish a Building Fund in order to enlarge the present Church building.

Another department of our work that is demanding special attention is the teaching of English to these new arrivals, mothers, sons, daughters. Last year, across the country, some 260 or more young men and young women, and 39 mothers, took advantage of these English classes. When we remember that only about one in ten of these new comers has ever heard the Gospel message, or had any Church contact in China, or Hong Kong, then we can realize how great are the opportunities of spreading God's Word, and the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ among them. As one Chinese man said recently, – "Sow the seed! Sow the seed." That is the pressing and primary work of our Mission. This also should be said, that most of the children who attend our Sunday schools and Kindergartens, even the native born, come from Non-Christian homes. Herein lies a real challenge to Christian Canada.

One of our Chinese elders, addressing a group of workers among the Chinese said this:—Let us single out likely Chinese young men and young women as missionaries, not for this land, but for China itself. Let us train them now. The doors of China are not always to be closed. Let us win them for Christ and His Church so that when the doors do open they may go back, not as Westerners, but as Chinese among their own people, with God's book in their heads and Christ's love in their hearts. Let us take God at His word who has promised, 'and they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels'."

Literature Page

by Leeta McCully Cherry

FIG TREE VILLAGE

I WOULD remind all who are now enjoying the Adult Study, "Face to Face With India", to read also "The Church in India", by R. M. Bennett, a Missionary of the Canadian Baptist Church in India. Fully reviewed by Miss Reith in the July-August issue, it is a valuable source book of information, giving, from the Canadian viewpoint, a birdseye view of that new India which has already become the leading nation in Asia, and the impact of these changes upon the balance of world power, and the whole Christian world. A composite picture of the spiritual and material life of India, this book inspires discussion and leads to understanding.

For sheer beauty of rhythm, imagery and meaning, do not miss "The Cross Is Lifted", a collection of fine poems by Chandran Devaneson, the Indian poet who is Professor of History at Madras Christian College. Illustrated by the beautiful drawings of an Indian artist who has dedicated his Christian life to expression through his paintings, here are jewels of verse, filled with the glory of all this wonderful Universe of God; the hopes and longings of an ancient race, and the symbolism of India's cultural and religious tradition. This whole book is indicative of the Christianity taking root in India — the growing conviction that the salvation of India and her culture rests on Christ. These poems could be used in Devotional Periods, are perfect for reading aloud, and the book would be an appreciated Christmas gift.

"Fig Tree Village", the story of a small village deep in the central jungle-land of India, is the interesting book which will take Primary children this year into the surroundings and homelife of small Indian children like themselves, as they study India through the excellent Programmes planned for each meeting by Miss Lily Macarthur, Childrens Work Secretary. Born in India, the Author once lived in such a village and is familiar with her subject and its background.

In the doings of these children and their people, Canadian children will learn how very much alike are children everywhere, as they realize how these far-away folk in India live, work and play, and what it means to the few Christians in a predominately Hindu village to have at last a Church and Minister of their own. Miss Macarthur suggests how Leaders may use this book and gives concise information about the new India and Pakistan; tells the story of our Mission Fields and Missionaries; lists supplementary books, outlines helps for every meeting, and includes a section of Games and Activities. The Study Packet contains also a large map of India and a leaflet of photographs and data concerning our Missionaries in India.

THE YOUNG FOLK ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST WOULD ENJOY THE FOLLOWING BOOKS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT:

The Christmas Promise — *as told by I. Stolee*	$1.00
Little Boy Down The Lane — *by Grace Noll Crowell*	1.00
Nursery Life of Jesus	1.00
House Full of Prayers	1.00
The Story of Jesus	.50
Baby Jesus A.B.C. Storybook	.50
Sing-a-Story	.50
The World's Best Christmas Carols	.40
Bible Hero Stories — on Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel, Jesus, Peter, Paul, Women of the Bible ... each	.15

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

by ELLEN V. HAW

(An outline of the way in which The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary in the congregation fits into the Christian Education program).

Miss Ellen V. Haw

Is there a committee for Christian Education in your congregation? If so, does your Auxiliary take an active part in it? If not, have you enquired about the possibilities of such a committee and have you offered to be of assistance in carrying out the work assigned to such a group?

The 1951 General Assembly recommended to Kirk-Session that steps be taken to form a Committee for Christian Education in each congregation. As this is a comparatively new step forward in many congregations within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a brochure has been issued by the Board of Christian Education to assist in the setting up of such a committee. In recommending the makeup of this committee, at least two members of the Women's Missionary Society are listed; therefore, it would seem appropriate that members of the Society should be made aware of the responsibilities involved.

In designating authority to the Kirk-Session for the oversight of Christian Education and pointing out that the Kirk-Session has direct responsibility to the congregation and to the Presbytery for the ministry of Christian teaching, it is pointed out that Christian Education is the responsibility of the whole congregation of people. Christ's commandment to teach and witness is given to all who profess faith in Him.

Recommending the enlistment of interested and gifted church members to study and give oversight to the total education work of the church, it is suggested that the committee for Christian Education should include representatives of groups which are engaged in Christian Education in the congregation. Quoting from the write-up by the Board of Christian Education —

"It will give continual oversight of all Christian education, will seek unity of purpose and programme in this work, and through consultation will endeavour to provide the best teachers, leaders, training and equipment for the fulfilment of the Church's ministry of teaching."

The suggested makeup of the committee which, of course, will vary according to the size of the congregation and the extent of the work of Christian education which is carried on in the congregation, is as follows:

1. The minister of the Church.
2. A member of the Kirk-Session.
3. A member of the Board of Management.
4. The Church School Superintendent, or a teacher, or both.
5. A member of the Women's Missionary Society who may have special responsibility for or interest in children's work, e.g., Cradle Roll, Mission Band, Explorers, Cubs.
6. A member of the Women's Missionary Society who has special responsibility for or interest in Teen-age Girls' Work.
7. A layman who has special interest in Boy's work.
8. A member or a leader of the Young People's Society, the Young Adult Group, and an Adult Bible Class, and a parent.
9. Such other persons who have special experience, or qualifications, or interest in Christian education.

(The outline for operation of the Committee for Christian Education prepared by the Board of Christian Education is available without charge. It is very complete and an invaluable guide to congregations launching this new programme).

What a wonderful opportunity this offers to put the "team" spirit into practice in the handling of the vast amount of work to be done in the church today. It is a recognized fact that the thinking of several people generates far more interest, and possibilities, than can be accomplished by one worker plodding along on his or her own. There is such a feeling of support when a group can share plans and problems.

Our ministers are overburdened with many things that lay people could handle. Providing this new committee is set up to embrace all aspects of the Christian Education of the congregation, and providing committee work is started and carried on in a truly democratic manner, there would seem little doubt that minister and congregation would find many new ways of working together toward increase in the work of the church in the community served. Only as lay people of our church come forward things which they *can* do, will the and take responsibility in the church and its membership go forward into a fuller experience of serving God and the community.

The women of the church can make a very good contribution to such a committee within the congregation. Members of the Women's Missionary Society, who are organized nationally, and who have over the years taken on responsibility for leading or sponsoring younger age groups, are ideally suited for service of this kind.

Give this venture your support — have your auxiliary think about it and arrange a good discusion period on the subject. The work of your church will be strengthened — and your assistance will be most welcome.

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A DELEGATE REPORTS

(Mrs. N.) NETTIE DUNLOP

Montreal — writes about:

THE meeting of the Auxiliary was over for another month and two of the members were walking home, talking things over as they went. "We had a good meeting tonight. The attendance was better than last month, and our discussion really gave us many things to think about. We should be doing a great deal more to teach our Canadian Indian Christians. Don't you think so, Ann?"

"I certainly do. I thought Mary's report of the Conference was splendid, too. She gave me a mental picture of the gathering and a lot of worthwhile material. Some reports of meetings are tiresome and one gets no help from them but this one was really excellent. We know exactly what conference she attended–who the delegates and speakers were and from what places they came."

"Yes, and then she went on to tell us about the sessions and the subject matter of the main addresses. She didn't waste precious time telling us about the meals and such things. If we had been visiting with her for tea it would have been interesting to have heard of the social events and other details incidental to the conference but not in a short report at a meeting."

"In telling of the worship she assumed that we know there is a Service of Worship at each session and so she didn't give us the hymns they sang and the passages of Scripture read. She just told us a few thoughts from the worship which had lingered in her memory because they were so meaningful to her. I think they have meaning now for all our members."

"I feel they have, too, and they are certainly a part of the spiritual refreshment Mary found at the conference. We should go to such Rallies, Conferences and Presbyterial meetings ready to receive spiritual food. As members of the Women's Missionary Society within our Church we are sharing in Christian activitiy, planning new work and extending existing work and we know that growth is impossible without the Holy Spirit to hallow our efforts."

"The theme of a conference is important and I liked the way in which Mary told us the theme and then gave us highlights from the addresses on it. It would be valuable to read copies of those addresses but her outlines enabled me to understand how the theme was developed. I was thrilled to hear that our Church is going to join with the Church of Scotland in work in Africa."

"Then there were the practical suggestions she gave us. We must try some of them to reach those new ladies in our congregation. Let's see is we can get some or all of them to join our group! Then, when we plan next year's programme let's try to put some of the new ideas to work to brighten our meetings a bit."

"Have you ever heard Alice give a report? Everything is wonderful — wonderful, but she doesn't give us thoughts from addresses, nor definite ideas. It's all so vague."

"That kind of report is no use to an Auxiliary. The one giving the report should be bright and show that she enjoyed being a delegate (if she did). Mary did that. I think we will find it easier to get a delegate for the next conference. I feel I missed a lot and I am thankful to have heard Mary's report."

"I remember one former member who liked to be sent as a delegate to meetings and when she would report changes of policy or method she showed that she resented every change. She wanted everything to be carried on just as it was back about 1930."

"How foolish! The world has changed so rapidly. Missionary Societies have to change their methods too. Christ and His Gospel of Salvation are the same, yesterday, to-day and forever but our approach to people may have to change. Mary made us realize that our officers and workers are awake to changing conditions and are trying to vary the work to meet these changes. She explained *why* certain organization changes must be made. We must examine our own group and see where we can improve our work."

"Here's my corner and it is late, so 'Good-night'."

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Every mason in the quarry, every builder on the shore,
Every woodman in the forest, every boatman at the oar,
Hewing wood and rawing water, splitting stones and clearing sod;
All the dusty ranks of labour in the regiment of God,
March together toward His temple, do the task His hands prepare;
Honest toil is holy service; faithful work is praise and prayer.

Henry Van Dyke.

The History of Presbyterian Girls' Work

by MISS MURIEL J. GRAY

Miss Muriel J. Gray, formerly Girls' Organization Secretary of W.M.S. Council and now a member of the C.G.I.T. Torch Committee, narrates some interesting history of Presbyterian Girls' Work.

LAST summer when Miss Helen Bricker's letter came requesting this article on my memories of girls' work in our church, my first reaction was to say a polite but positive "no". Not only was I taken by surprise but, being away from home, I had no source of material within reach. Then a tormenting inner voice reminded me that paper was available, likewise pen and ink, items which were about the only materials available at the beginning of girl's work back in 1925. At that time, without records of existing organizations it had been necessary to write either the minister or a key woman in every Presbyterian church to obtain information about girls groups. Thanks to a ready response, a list of Presbyterian C.G.I.T. groups and other girls organizations was on file when the first girls' work secretary was appointed.

Miss Edith Sinclair of Harriston, Ontario, was that secretary. And she did a magnificent job. While it amounted to real spade work, perhaps her's was a more thrilling task than that which fell to her successors. Having laid the foundation for girls' work in our church, she saw the building rise brick by brick as each new organization was added. Certain names will always be remembered in connection with the laying of the corner stone: Mrs. McKerroll, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., and chairman of the National Girls' Work Board; Mrs. Horne, that friend of youth and later a member of Saskatchewan Girls' Work Board; Miss Fraser, editor of Glad Tidings, ever generous with space for girls' activities; and Dr. Kannawin of the Sunday School Board.

Not only was the structure of Girls' Work reared in those years. New churches were being completed and many a C.G.I.T. group experienced the joy of meeting beneath their own church roof for which they had frequently helped to pay with their money-making projects. How proud they were to have such a suitable setting for Mother and Daughter banquets! Invariably a new church building was chosen for the girls' yearly rally.

Having secured a secretary, a training period for leaders seemed necessary. The first one was held at Holiday House, Lake Simcoe, loaned for that purpose by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto. The majority attending were Sunday School teachers from Galt, Hamilton, Toronto and other neighbouring places — a modest beginning in view of the camp sites and summer schools now available to Presbyterian leaders.

Miss Agnes I. Dickson now a retired missionary helped with an early programme at Council Meeting in 1926.

At the Council Meeting of the W.M.S. in 1926 in the little white Parkview Church in Saskatoon, the local girls' group had a place on an
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evening programme. In a large wooden frame the girls portrayed in a series of living pictures the departments and the work of the society. Two missionaries on furlough, Miss Agnes Dickson and Miss Ethel Reid, helped with the costumes while Reverend W. G. Brown, later moderator of the Church, acted as property man. The only hitch came when one young person announced firmly: "My mother won't let me wear rouge"—(pronounced roudge.)

Having seen such a contribution to the annual meeting, The Women's Missionary Society naturally assigned further work to the girls. India was the study theme in 1928, so the girls' mission givings went to a particular piece of work in that field. Since from earliest time, India had appealed to explorers as a land of treasure, the study-book for the year was entitled "Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands."

Miss Sinclair resigned her post in 1929 to become the wife of Reverend H. M. Coulter and, with appointments of new secretaries, other parts of Canada were represented. Miss Winifred Yuill, now Mrs. Chester Whitely, came from Manitoba; Miss Jean MacGregor, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Miss Jean Cowan, now Mrs. John Middleton

Miss Helen Bricker,
who is now Girls' Work Secretary.

of Toronto, from Ontario; Miss O. Mary Hill from the Province of Quebec; Miss Margaret Webster, Prince Edward Island and Miss Helen Bricker, Ontario. These young women have established a royal line of secretaries, approved not only by their own church but by the Council of Religious Education which includes other denominations as well. Still these secretaries could not have carried the heavy responsibility nor achieved such success without the backing of group leaders. While the latter have changed personnel with the passing years, the same interest, loyalty and sacrifice continued to exist.

The same could be said of the support given by the many auxiliary members. The W.M.S. Affiliation Service was introduced with the hope that a closer relationship might be established between the women's organization and that of the girls'. The old saying held good: "All are beeded by each other". Auxiliary members found that the girls' group members could be depended upon. In like manner the girls have had the opportunity of looking to the women for help with missionary programmes and camp promotion and expenses.

Meanwhile a host of girls have gone forth from their groups to take their places in the world. Some have become teachers, nurses, deaconesses and business women. One former C.G.I.T. girl heads the National Y.W.C.A. Another is a well known newspaper reporter. The greatest number have married and become homemakers. Many of these are now mothers of teen-age daughters, girls who have more advantages and larger opportunity in their generation but, at the same time, greater problems and less security. May the girls of the past and the girls of the present combine their efforts to make God's earth what He would have it for girls of the future!

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NOVEMBER GREETINGS from Billy the Jeep

Billy tells of his work in Amkhut as he works under the direction of Miss Mary Sherrick.

I AM really very lucky to be able to talk to you for three months in a row, boys and girls. It is not often a truck has a chance to speak like this. But you must understand that I am not just speaking for myself — but for all the mechanical things which are purchased for missionaries' use. I hope you realize that we all have a share in helping people to know about Jesus and His way of life. Trucks and jeeps are not supposed to know much about such things but we do know we are helping. Of course we could not be here at all if Canadian people did not send us.

When I last had a visit with you, I told you how I was made ready for the job here; how finally I was driven to Montreal. There I was put on board a large vessel and came to India by way of England.

The boat trip was not exciting. We bounced around on the waves for several days. I was fastened securely in the hold. I couldn't see much. In England I was transferred from one boat to another and had another long trip. These boat trips made me impatient. Everything moved so slowly. It seemed to take such a great while to get anywhere and there was nothing to do. I just had to be patient.

Here in India I was soon put to work. I was taken to a lovely spot in Central India, called Amkhut. My jobs are many. I am kept busy almost every day. Each time I take a load I know I am helping in the mission work. What do I carry??? Wheat, sent from World Church Service, to be distributed to the hungry. . . . Petrol for the engines which generate electricity for the mission. Supplies have to be brought in for the children's hostel and for the missionaries' residences. The mission compound, which includes schools and workshops for the use of the people in and around Amkhut, also depends on me to bring in their supplies. When new buildings are being put up, or repairs made, I bring cement and timber. Several times recently I have taken loads of timber to the sawmill in Dohad and brought it home again, sawn into lumber for use by the men in Amkhut who construct buildings and who make furniture. Of course I also bring in the food supplies. But I like best of all to carry boys and girls.

You remember that I overheard the people in Canada saying that I would carry people. Well I have just told you I do. When holiday time comes I take the children out to catch the bus. Back in July I took nine girls out to a train which took some of them to Bible School, some to household training and some for nursing training. Not long ago I really did carry a load of people. I was in the town of Rajpur with Miss Sherrick. We were just about to return home when a police officer asked Miss Sherrick if he could ride to Amkhut. Miss Sherrick said "yes" and the officer got in with her. We hadn't

This is the Amkhut Valley in Central India, where "Billy" now lives.

even started when eleven policemen jumped into the back with the barrels of petrol which I was taking back to the compound. Half of the policemen left us before we got to Amkhut. The others went further on to investigate a crime. So you see, I help police the country too — once in a while.

Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., who takes care of "Billy" in India.

I like to listen to the boys and girls talking and laughing. Often they tell each other how much they like me. Before I came, the men, pack horses and mules had to do my jobs. They are are so pleased at how quickly things are done now and how easily large loads are taken from one place to another. They often talk about Canada and what good friends they have there, who send things like me to help them.

Sometimes I carry a load of missionaries and supplies out to a village where the people do not know of the Heavenly Father's care and love. Won't you sometimes, in your Mission Band and Explorer groups, ask the Heavenly Father to show the missionaries how they may tell the Indian boys and girls, and their fathers and mothers, that they need not be afraid. Because you know about Jesus, you in Canada are not afraid. I often think of you — won't you think and pray for your Indian friends.

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"Father, where shall I work to-day,"
And my love flowed warm and free;
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot
And said "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly: "Oh, no! not that!
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work was done—
Not that little place for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly:
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or me,
Nabareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee!"

—Author unknown.

YOUR MISSIONARY DOLLAR AT WORK

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nine months ending September 30th, 1954

Synodicals	Estimated for year	Receipts General Fund	Total Receipts
British Columbia	$ 11,300.00	$ 2,500.00	
Alberta	9,200.00	3,106.35	
Saskatchewan	5,600.00	2,055.89	
Manitoba	11,000.00	3,872.62	
Toronto and Kingston	89,500.00	37,827.15	
Hamilton and London	86,500.00	37,283.80	
Montreal and Ottawa	43,900.00	21,177.74	
	$257,000.00	$107,823.55	$107,823.55
Interest on Bonds			450.00
Special Gifts			4,770.81
			$113,044.36

	Estimated Expenditures	Expenditures General Fund	Total Expenditures
National Missions	$ 67,075.00	$ 48,763.67	
Overseas Missions	99,585.00	78,650.31	
Organization	40,150.00	24,972.15	
Publications	18,775.00	12,079.11	
Administration	15,230.00	11,990.45	
Council Meeting	5,000.00	4,992.70	
Christian Literature	5,500.00	5,194.00	
Insurance and Taxes	1,200.00	1,372.65	
Grants	2,160.00	1,725.00	
Student	375.00	275.00	
Visual Education	1,050.00	22.24	
Candidate	200.00	20.60	
General Contingency	700.00	481.67	
Special Gifts		1,971.30	
	$257,000.00	$192,510.85	$192,510.85

	Receipts	Expenditures
Supply Fund	$ 9,968.49	$ 6,226.51
INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS:		
Cecilia Jeffrey	48,990.73	32,834.74
Birtle	52,441.15	39,313.66
TRUST FUNDS:		
Pension and Retirement Fund	3,775.42	5,054.32
Overseas Fund	2,447.50	
Special Fund	486.56	5,298.43
Legacy Fund	10,157.40	13,468.68
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	1,082.60	770.76

RUTH E. PYE
Treasurer.

The Following Changes Should be Noted For Missionary Staff

NATIONAL STAFF — 1954 - 55

Miss Muriel E. Judd,
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Mr. Ivan B. Robson, Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School,
Kenora, Ontario.

Mrs. Ivan B. Robson, Matron,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School,
Kenora, Ontario.

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OVERSEAS STAFF — 1954 - 55

Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.,
Canadian Presbyterian Mission,
Amkhut, via Dohad, M.B.,
India.

His Way Is Best

I planned to walk thro' life my way
As thro' the years I went.
In selfish thought I planned each day
And all my purpose bent
To gain my goal of wealth and fame
And earth's security,
And dared to ask Him in His Name
To walk my way with me.

But as the years passed by I found
No bed of roses sweet,
My castles tumbled to the ground
In ruins at my feet.
No wealth or fame so long I sought
Had deigned with me to stay,
And all my planning came to naught,
Yet still I walked my way.

O Lord, I cried, have I not prayed
That Thou wouldst walk with me,
For help and strength I prayed each day
In true fidelity.
"A yes," He said; "Because you prayed
I stayed quite close to you;
Some day you'd know your heart had strayed
Your way had not been true.

"If you will walk My way with Me
All you desire and more
You'll find fulfilled in life for thee
From Heaven's richest store."
O Lord, Thy way shall be my way;
Thy way, dear Lord, is best;
I'll walk with Thee from day to day
And in Thy will I'll rest.

—*Mrs. Thos. Johnston, The Pas.*

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Complete address for WELCOME AND WELFARE SECRETARY: Miss Zella King, 768 - 5th Ave. East, OWEN SOUND, Ontario.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL

Complete address for HOME HELPERS SECRETARY: Mrs. James R. Martin, c/o Martin Motors Ltd., 181 Larch St., SUDBURY, Ontario.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL

New Treasurer (replacing Mrs. Brabazon): Mrs. Bruce Fairbairn, 67 Cambridge St. S., LINDSAY, Ontario.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL

Senior Auxiliary Secretary appointed: Mrs. Charles Le Cocq, 632 S. Marks St., FORT WILLIAM, Ontario.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL

New Press Secretary: Mrs. W. Kerr, GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alberta.

QUEBEC PRESBYTERIAL

New Address for the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Allan Morrison, 305 Belvedere St. N., SHERBROOKE, Quebec.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL

New Children's Department Secretary: Mrs. Perry Hopkins, HARTNEY, Manitoba

MANITOBA SYNODICAL

Senior Auxiliary Secretary appointed: Miss Jean Stevenson, 135 N. John Street, FORT WILLIAM, Ontario.

THE GLAD TIDINGS

It is now NOVEMBER — the month for getting subscription lists in order for the 1955 *Glad Tidings.* Time is precious these days. Do not wait to be asked for your subscription but give it to your *Glad Tidings* Secretary early; and help by interesting others in the magazine. The December 1954 issue will be sent with gift subscriptions.

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. T. Fishwick, 1636 E. 29th Ave.,
Vancouver, Press Secretary.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL—Sixty-seven girls ranging from 9-16 years attended Camp Thunderbird, Glintz Lake, B.C. They were divided into two groups, Explorers and C.G.I.T. Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary for B.C., directed the camp, together with Miss Edith Anderson, Deaconess for Westminster Presbytery.

The staff this year was pleased to welcome Miss Leone Su of the Deaconess Training School in Toronto, whose home is in Formosa. Miss Su soon won the hearts of the girls and gave many interesting talks on her homeland.

Miss Mackay has resigned as regional secretary, of B.C. Mrs. Gaines Cameron, President of Victoria Presbytery of the W.M.S. paid tribute to the excellent work that Miss MacKay had done, presented her with a lovely silver tray while the campers expressed their love and appreciation by presenting her with sterling silver coffee spoons.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL—A dedication service was held in the Presbyterian Memorial Church on the Mistawasis Indian Reserve, honoring the memory of the Reverend Charles W. and Mrs. Bryden who had worked on this Reserve as missionaries from 1905 to 1914.

The service was conducted by the Reverend W. W. Moore, D.D. who has been resident missionary for the past 27 years. The ceremony of dedication followed the sermon, when the surviving members of the Bryden family and the grandchildren presented to the church a communion table. Indians, other friends and relatives from Shellbrook, PRINCE ALBERT, DAVIS, REGINA AND CARLYLE gathered in the little church.

Dr. Moore spoke most sincerely on the work done among the Mistawasis Indians by the late Reverend and Mrs. Bryden and of the respect and affection in which the older Indians still hold their memory. Flowers sent by Mr. and Mrs. J. Cockburn who were unable to be present, brightened the Church.

The Elena MacKay Evening Auxiliary of Tisdale, held meetings during July and August of this year for the first time and these proved to be very successful and popular with the members. Mrs. Fay Jensen reported on the Pre-Assembly Congress at these meetings. Miss Jean Black, deaconess, was a visitor with the group.

The Eastern Sectional meeting of the Prince Albert Presbyterial of the W.M.S. was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tisdale with Mrs. Glazier, President, presiding.

An executive meeting was held at which discussion regarding delegates to the conference held in Saskatoon September 13th to 15th took place.

"Go Teach" was the theme of the meetings. Tisdale Auxiliary had charge of the opening devotional period.

A very fine report was given by Mrs. G. C. Drier, delegate to the Pre-Assembly Congress held in Toronto last spring. The morning session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Lowe of Sylvania.

Luncheon was served by the St. Andrew's Ladies Aid. Mrs. Cresswell in welcoming the visitors, said that the theme of the Pre-Assembly Congress "Christ for All and All for Christ" should be a real inspiration for all women of the W.M.S. as they labour for the Master.

Reverend G. K. Agar brought greetings from the Presbytery. He told of his work in India. Guest speaker at the afternoon session was Mrs. Agar and she based her message on Matt. 28:19. Concluding her remarks on India she urged those at home to continue in Faith, always remembering our missionaries in prayer as well as the people of India who need to be brought out of darkness into the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ruth, Mary, and John Agar sang "Jesus Loves Me" in Hindi, dressed in native costumes. The Mission Band also sang, as did Miss Jean Black and Miss Whiteford, deaconesses, in duet.

Mrs. Glazier read a very comprehensive report of the Council meetings in Winnipeg last May. Mrs. Cresswell closed with prayer.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL—Parkview W.M.S. Auxiliary met in the Chapel for their September meeting. Mrs. D. Yoos, the President was in the chair. Mrs. Ross Downey told of her trip to the Pre-Assembly Congress, which she attended. Mrs. Nixon closed with prayer and a social hour followed. During the week of August 9th to 13th the **Rosetown** Presbyterian Church was a lively centre as fifty-five children ranging in age from four to twelve, attended Vacation School. Miss Flora Whiteford, deaconess for the Presbytery of Saskatoon conducted the opening exercises each morning. Bible study was given each day. Parents and friends were invited to the closing exercises when each class gave a brief review of its week work.

MANITOBA

MRS. J. GIBB, 308 S. MARK ST.,
FORT WILLIAM, PRESS SECRETARY.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. W. Duthie gave a report on the Pre Assembly Congress which she had attended. Miss Jean Laughlin presented her report on Young Peoples' Training course she had attended at St. John's College, Winnipeg. It had been a wonderful week for all, and Miss Laughlin brought the lessons home to us in a very real way.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — The opening meeting of the fall term of the the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian W.M.S., **Fort William**, was held in the guild room with a very good attendance.

The second part of Voyage of Discovery was reviewed. This study was very interesting and much enjoyed.

Mrs. R. C. Browne presided for the meeting and very satisfactory reports were given by the various secretaries.

At the previous meeting the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's W.M.S. presented a life membership to Mrs. J. G. McKirdy, a past president of the Evening Guild.

The opening meeting of the fall term of Superior Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, **Westfort** with Mrs. H. J. Loney presiding.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. A. Grant and Miss M. Smellie.

Highlighting the meeting were plans for the meeting of the Manitoba Synodical Board.

Mrs. Tweedie of St. Andrew's Church, **Geraldton**, has been appointed to the Manitoba Synodical as a member without portfolio to replace Miss Jean Stevenson who has been elected Senior Auxiliary Secretary at the Synodical.

Miss Williamson, missionary on furlough from Amkhut, India, will be a visitor of the Superior Presbyterial from December 3rd to 10th.

A new group of the W.M.S. will be organized in Atikokan in the near future.

Mrs. W. S. Nairn and Mrs. W. J. Sterrett reported on their recent trip to Winnipeg where they attended a meeting of the Overseas Missionary Institute sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches.

Mrs. L. Petrie reported the laying of the cornerstone of Oliver Road Church late in June and re-dedication and re-opening of the Church of St. Andrew, Presbyterian, formerly Grisley Park, was reported by Mrs. Sherlock.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE S. BAXTER, CHIPPAWA,
PRESS SECRETARY.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL – New St. Andrews **Dover** report an interesting idea of active work "fellowship." This Auxiliary is earning a Life Membership by Quilting. They recently enjoyed hearing Miss Pardo tell of her Missionary Service in China. **Valvetta** W.M.S. have appreciated the faithful service of Mrs. W. A. Williams of the Manse as President of their Auxiliary. Rev. Williams has now retired after fifteen years in Valvetta and Dover and he and Mrs. Williams will make their home in Brussells. The best wishes of the Auxiliary go with Rev. and Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Reginald Gardiner will now serve as President of Valvetta Auxiliary. Knox **Wallaceburg** honored Mrs. George Whale at their summer meeting and outdoor picnic supper. This meeting was at the home of Mrs. J. F. Webber, a charter member. The topic of the meeting "Of such is the Kingdom" was presented by the members of the Evening Auxiliary, and the President Mrs. J. Fleming presided.

St. Andrews W.M.S. **Windsor** had a large gathering of members to commence their fall work. Two letters from Miss Isobel McConnell, Missionary Nurse in India, were read in which she thanked the Auxiliary for their special monetary donation, and she interestingly described a Festival, also a Wedding and a Funeral in India. A letter was also received from a C.G.I.T. member expressing her appreciation to them for financing a summer holiday for her at C.G.I.T. Camp.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Ann MacEachern, Regional Secretary for Hamilton-London, was the guest of Mrs. A. A. J. Simpson, at the August meeting of **Ashfield** W.M.S. which was held in the home of Mrs. D. A. MacLean. Miss MacEachern spoke of the work of the Society across Canada, touching on the work with the Chinese in Vancouver, the vans in Western Canada; the work among the Indians, the Deaconess Training School in Toronto; Port workers in Montreal; the Presbyterian church in Newfoundland. Her talk was most informative.

Bluevale W.M.S. had a fine September meeting with Mrs. Eldred Nicol presiding. Four members took the Society on an imaginary flight across the world, calling on many outstanding Church leaders and giving highlights of their work.

Wingham extended a Welcome and a Farewell at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church when Miss Marian Williamson, for many years a Missionary in India, was welcomed home on furlough and when Rev. George and Mrs. Malcolm were bid God-speed as they left to take up Missionary work in Formosa.

A cheque was presented Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm for their work and a personal presentation was made Miss Williamson in recognition of her years of service in India.

Mrs. G. Baulch, of **Lucknow**, President of Maitland Presbyterial was present and brought hearty greetings from Presbyterial.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, **Port Stanley**, held their Centenary Service. Reverend Sutherland spoke on "Our Heritage" and "The Burning Bush." Reverend Barclay spoke on "Reverence" and "The Challenge of the Centuries". They were most inspiring and challenging messages.

At the dinner greetings were brought by Reverend G. O. Locke, Moderator of London Presbytery. Reverend H. Rokeby-Thomas of Christ Church, Anglican, **Port Stanley**, Reverend M. G. Clarke of Port United Church and Reeve Violet McCarthy.

Reverend S. W. Hirtle was present for all services and conducted the same.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — We extend to our President of Niagara Presbyterial Miss Jennie Kinnear, sincerest sympathy in the passing of her only brother, also to Miss Letty Whittaker of Drummond Hill W.M.S. in the passing of her aged sister, Annie.

Mrs. Mary Orr, as District President, visited **Rockway** and **North Pelham** Auxiliaries when they jointly met for their first fall meeting in **North Pelham** Church. Mrs. Orr brought with her some visiting friends including your Synodical Press Secretary, who told of the W.M.S. Council meeting in Winnipeg, which she attended as a delegate.

Mrs. J. M. Dickson, President of St. **Davids** W.M.S. and Vice-President of Niagara Presbyterial is busy arranging to take up residence in Penmarvian, **Paris**, and by the time this will be appearing in Glad Tidings we know she will be happily settled there. As old friends many have worked for years with Mrs. Dickson in Niagara Presbyterial and we shall always feel it her Presbyterial home.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. H. R. Roberts,
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Mrs. R. Ledgerwood and Mrs. A. G. Suffell received the guests at the 65th aniversary of the W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church, **Winchester**, which was held in the Church. Three descendants of original office bearers were present, Miss M. Empey, Miss Ida Gardiner and Miss Ema Gardiner. Miss Emma Gardiner gave the highlights of sixty-five years of service of members of St. Pauls W.M.S. Mrs. H. Graham, President of Brockville Presbyterial was the guest speaker. An "In Memoriam" was conducted for members who have been called to higher service. Following the meeting a social hour was spent at which greetings were brought from **Chesterville, Dunbar, Kemptville, Morrisburg, Mountain Station, South Mountain** and **Winchester** Springs Auxiliaries.

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Editorial

PART of the eternal appeal of the Christmas story lies in the fact that it is the story of a baby. Yet in that fact also lies a danger, for a baby makes no ethical demands on life. It compels no deep disturbance of life.

The candles, the holly, the rich aroma of steamed plum pudding, all these are delightful and involve no costly self-examination. Multitudes of people gladly make a sentimental response to the infant Christ, but they shrink from making a moral response to the man, Christ Jesus.

They miss the chief point in the Christmas story which is that the baby grew up into the Son of Man and the Son of God, who made a devastating challenge to a world of greed, of cruelty and hard power.

To treat Christmas only as the story of a baby, to sing about it in time-honored carols, to paint it, to celebrate it, and then fail to accept the challenge which Jesus, the full grown man, makes to our way of life, is vanity.

Let us, therefore; not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the coming year, remember Christ the Man.

When we gaze upon all the outward signs of Christmas let us remember too, the deeper meaning, and give thanks in our hearts for the Babe who grew to manhood and suffered, and died for us.

Editorial Position Filled

TO continue the matter of the "orphaned" state of the Glad Tidings without an Editor as set forth in the last number, we are happy to inform you that an Editor has been secured — is in fact already in active service. Before introducing her to you, however, we wish, briefly, to outline for you a re-organization that has been made in the Publications Department.

It still directs the same branches of work: Literature, Glad Tidings and Public Relations, but, where before we had two directors: Secretary of Publications and Editor of Glad Tidings, each of whom was responsible for not only what might be characterized as the literary side of her department, but had also to act as Business Manager, there is now but one Director, responsible it is true, for the whole work of publications but with adequate assistance to handle the business details. In this way the Director is left free to concentrate her attention upon the preparation of studies, the editing of Glad Tidings and Publications.

Truly this is a challenging piece of work. We feel that a Director has been found with the necessary qualifications, in the person of Mrs. Philippa Gould, B.A. Mrs. Gould's academic qualifications are excellent. She is a graduate of Somerville College, Oxford, England. She has had experience in journalistic work; having come to us after fifteen months with the Winnipeg Free Fress.

We leave you to form your own opinion as to her personality and Christian commitment by a careful perusal of The Glad Tidings.

Two thousand years ago at Bethlehem
God lit a candle: to its radiant light
Came men from near and far

It still lights up the darkness of the world,
Still in the hearts of men who come to seek
It is the guiding star.

F. G. Goddard

A Christmas Prayer

OUR gracious heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this joyous season; praying that Thy Holy Spirit may make us conscious in a new way, of Thy marvellous love to us.

We praise Thee for the unspeakable gift of Thine only Son; who came to reveal Thee to us, to redeem us, and to bring us into living relationship with Thee as Thine own children.

May the Christmas story, which we have heard so often, come to us with new meaning and power; that we may praise Thee, as never before, for Thy transcendent grace and loving kindness to us.

May our blessed Saviour become more and more, a *living reality* to each one; that we may glorify Thee, not only with our lips but in our lives.

We thank Thee for the joyous reunions which this season brings. Forbid that we should be so preoccupied with our human happiness, as to forget the one to whom we owe it all. — May He be truly: "The gladness of our joy".

We pray for all lonely folk, all who are ill, or in sorrow or trouble of any kind — May Thy Holy Spirit comfort them with new hope and peace; that they, too, may rejoice in God's great gift of love to them.

We pray, especially, for all missionaries far from home and loved ones. As they have left all, in obedience to Thy call; may the remembrance of the Saviour, who sacificed so much for us, fill their hearts with joy. May they experience, in a very special way, His precious companionship in their sacrifice for His sake. May the joy of the Lord radiate from their lives, attracting others to Him.

All this we ask, in the name of Him, who is our Immanuel,

Amen.

A Christmas Meditation

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall.

In the pre-Christmas season one is reminded of the most miraculous birth of all time, when the Saviour of mankind came as an infant and in His helplessness and dependence was like our own children and grand-children.

Yet what a difference in the available comfort of the surroundings! "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head." The holy angels, God's messengers, proclaimed His coming – they had told his earthly parents of the name, Jesus, which the heavenly Father had chosen. Shepherds from the fields rejoiced and drew near to gaze with wondering eyes at the scene in the stable of Bethlehem's inn and wise men from afar came to worship and brought gifts.

But the Babe was the perfect gift to all mankind. How has the world received that gift? God so loved – that He gave His only begotten son – yet we with our human limitations have made it difficult for that gift to be received.

How many of us when offered a beautiful present by a friend or relative would hurt them by accepting and using only part of it. Yet that is what we have done, accepting only that part of the Gift which would fit in with our own plans for what we wished to do, or be. This gave us some self-confidence and respectability – helped us over difficult times and supplied us with a measure of good-will and generosity. But it was not the *complete surrender* which God requires of us.

And what about our gratitude? It has been said that gratitude is one of the loveliest flowers in the garden of life, – and the most rare! The poets have written of man's ingratitude to man but what about his gratitude to God?

Many of us have been disappointed when having chosen a gift with thought and care there has been warmth lacking in the recipient's expression of appreciation. The real response to His gift would be "to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service." But 'the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind' and He has forgiven us unto seventy times seven.

It was Emerson who said that the most important thought he ever had was that of his individual responsibility to God. Until multitudes think like that the world will go on sinning and suffering and causing the catastrophes that visit us; the bringing in of Christ's Kingdom will not be a realization but only the hope of the faithful.

Jesus who was the Prince of Peace said in the sermon on the mount "Blessed are the peace*makers* for they shall be called the children of God." He did not say Blessed are the peaceful for His words implied action, not mere passivity.

This is where the importance of our individual responsibility is emphasized. This is why we need to accept the gift in the fulness of its perfection. He came down to earth from heaven to show us the way and we, if we are counted worthy, have the promise that some day we shall go from earth to heaven. It has been said that the future lies within the promises of God and that the promises of God are at our disposal.

May the Christmas season with its poignant reminders of our Lord Jesus Christ's birth, life, death and glorious resurrection help us to reach a decision as to our receiving and giving and may the grace of God and His enabling power sustain us when we have done so.

Muriel L. McMurrich.

HOSTESS AT THE INN

By Nina Styles

I often think that had a mother been
The hostess there that evening at the inn,
There would have been no question of a stall.
She would have found some place within her hall
For Mary to lay down her tired head.
Perhaps she would have given her own bed,
And in the cradle of her own wee son
She might have placed that night, the Holy One.
Not with the thought of harboring a king,
Or any hope of gain her act might bring,
But from the simple goodness of her heart,
For mothers are a sisterhood apart.
I often think what glory might have been,
Throughout all history for that small inn.

EVANSTON IMPRESSIONS

IS it ever possible for one to clearly describe for others something of beauty which one has seen or heard? We see a sunset across the Western prairies but no words can picture the breath-taking loveliness of the changing colours. We hear a symphony played by a great orchestra and we are not able to adequately describe the music or tell of the great depths of feeling that were reached in our own hearts.

How can one possibly bring to others some understanding of the glory of the conviction that came to all of us who were privileged to attend the sessions of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches — the conviction as we realized with renewed insight, the supreme place of the Church's mission to the seeking, unsatisfied individuals and nations of the world today. It was for all a soul-stirring and heart-searching experience.

It was the gathering together of representatives of 163 churches (denominations) from every continent — representatives from churches rich in tradition — representatives from new little churches in isolated and out-of-the-way places — theologians and lay people — all meeting together — to praise and worship God and to learn His will for the Church today — to discuss problems and to seek ways and means of greater cooperation and to share in a more vital Christian fellowship.

While the voting delegates met in discussion groups and prepared statements and documents to be presented at the plenary sessions, those of us who were accredited visitors had a special programme of addresses, panel and group discussions, and as each day's programme was presented we realized all the planning and preparation which had gone into making the sessions so worth while. We were given a glimpse of some of the problems facing church leaders and members throughout the world as Kagawa of Japan, Bishop John Peter of Hungary and Victor Jones of England, told of what is being done to reach non-Christians in their lands. Representatives of the churches in Latin America, the Islamic countries, China, Eastern Germany, Spain and the United States, told of the present state of religious liberty in their countries. As we listened, those of us living on the North American continent realized that we knew very little of the meaning and import of those words we sing so often, "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord or to defend His cause".

Over and over again in the Accredited Visitors' group, as in the plenary sessions, the responsibility and importance of Christian witnessing was stressed as we take our place as members of the Christian Church and as Christian citizens.

One remembers with mixed feelings the plenary sessions —

- the huge assembly of delegates, their amazing knowledge of language, their clarity of thought and expression.
- the challenge to all as we listened on several occasions to speakers defending different points of view, always with a great understanding and respect for those who differed. This was clearly evident particularly when the statement on the main theme, "Christ, the Hope of the World", was being prepared.
- and always the representatives were aware of short-comings and failures. We saw this as we listened to the young American Negro pleading against racial discrimination. We were aware of it, too, when the story of the refugees was brought to us in a dramatic, documentary presentation. We knew it again when we realized how small our contribution had been in prayer, in personnel and in finance in the face of the great task of evangelism — the mission of the Church.

As we look back we think of many great moments of the Assembly —

- the Festival of Faith at Soldiers' Field, Chicago, when over 125,000 people met together for a service of praise to God.
- the morning and evening services of worship
- the hymn-singing (each in his own tongue)
- the service of preparation for Communion
- the service of Holy Communion (attended by most of the participants of the Assembly)
- and the closing service with the sermon preached by Bishop Bergrav using as his text Ephesians 4:13 — "Till we all come in the unity of the faith".

In the closing moments of the Assembly when the statement on the main theme was being presented, the following message was given to us:

> "Here where we stand, Jesus Christ stood with us. He stood with us as God made man, come to seek and to save. Though we were enemies of God, Christ died for us. We crucified Him, but God raised Him from the dead. He has overcome the powers of sin and death.
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> "A new life has begun. And in His risen and ascended power He has sent forth into the world a new community bound together by His Holy Spirit sharing His divine life, and commissioned to make Him known throughout the world.
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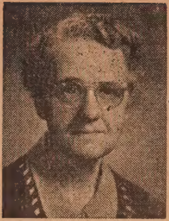
> "He will come again as Judge and King to bring all things to their consummation. Then we shall see Him as He is and know as we are known. Together with the whole creation we wait for this with eager hope, knowing that God is faithful and that even now He holds all things in His hands".



Searchlight on the Mission Overseas

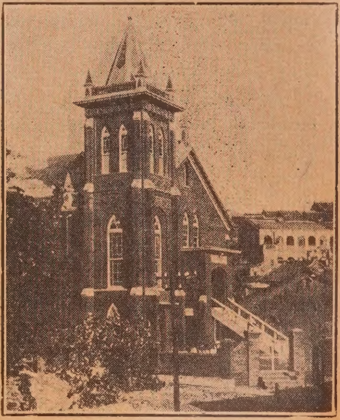
The Church in Formosa
Changes and Challenges

By REV. HUGH MacMILLAN, M.A., Ph.D.

THIS is being written in response to a Women's Missionary Society request. The above caption is the writer's, but it merely attempts to express in brief what a Woman's Missionary Society leader suggested as contents for an article.

The request notes that the church in Formosa, growing out of missionary cultivation through more than three-quarters of a century, should naturally be becoming more and more self reliant and increasingly responsible for evangelistic effort among the island's people. Therefore, special consideration should now be given to the changing situation. For purposes of a study of this situation the past quarter of a century was suggested as a period over which to view the development of the island's church, to the end that changes be evaluated and missionary methods rethought.

In endeavouring to comply with the request, it would seem important first to discourage any idea that self reliance and the assuming of more responsibility on the part of the daughter church in Formosa may permit of any slackening of missionary effort by the mother church in Canada. Missionary cul-



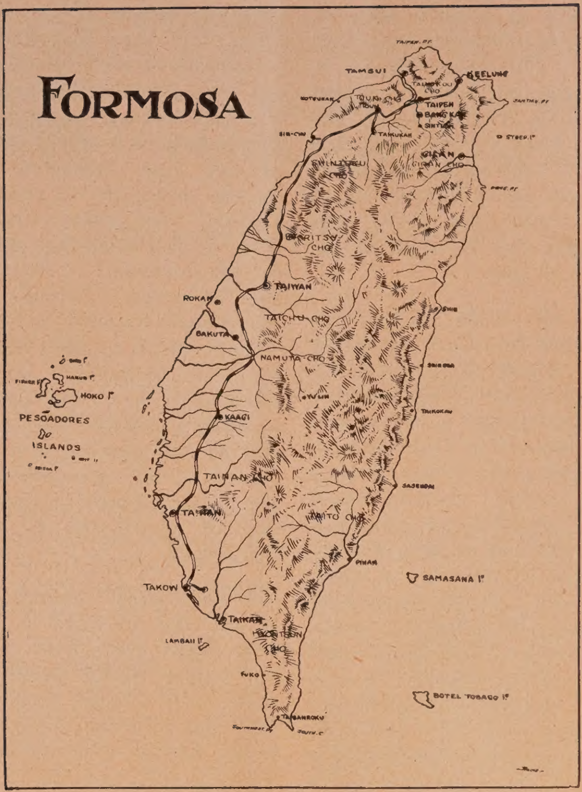
Tamsui Jubilee Church, Dedicated November 28, 1933 tivation must go on. Any Canadian knows that creative effort towards the making of Canada did not slacken when pioneering axes chopped down "The Queen's Bush" or when old-fashioned ploughs pulled by plodding oxen "broke" the prairies. Fresh hands must now continue to cultivate with whatever implements are available. It is looking ahead, not back, that gives fitness for the work of the Kingdom of God.

During the latter years of the last war and the early years of the post-war period, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration had a policy, said to have been New Testament inspired, which was stated in brief "helping people to help themselves." This policy may have been as old as the call of Saint Paul to Europe but its difficulty of operation and its inherent potentiality could hardly be called old, to-day. Indeed, could it not be truly called a pattern for the present? Such a policy is not new in missionary work in Formosa. With such tools as this policy implies, the work has been carried on throughout at least the quarter century under review. For this article it is proposed to consider three of these. Let us call them "self help tools."

Help Towards the Church's Self Support

Twenty-five years ago, in the Formosa to which the writer was sent, self-support was not so progressively employed as to-day. In about fifty preaching stations or congregations only about one in ten was self supporting financially. Visiting churches, during the gruelling process of language study and practice, one discovered "taking up the collection" so common in Canada, was rather uncommon here. It was somewhat surprising for the new-comer to hear opposition expressed. "People are not accustomed to such new ideas." "The heathen wouldn't like it, because we always tell them that salvation is free. Our practice is to make a free-will offering at the end of the year as a means of expressing our gratitude towards the mother church in Canada for sending missionaries to us with the Gospel.

"This is good," seemed the only answer, but to add "if offerings were taken every week would it not enable MORE people to express their thanks even MORE fully and more continuously? And would they not soon become accustomed to it, particularly if it were explained that this was not a new idea but a very old one." A long story could be told of church after church where this problem was faced and changes brought about from reliance on "the mission" and the "mother church" to reliance on their own resources in material things however meagre.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As an over-all picture of change it may be reported that twenty-five years ago, where in about fifty churches only one in ten was self-supporting, to-day all of these fifty are in the self support category, even though the average annual budgets may equal less than what an average congregation in Canada may pay their caretaker.

So far for "change," what about "challenge"? So far from having finished the task of missions, we should be raising up an equal number of new congregations, aid-receiving at first and then proceeding in two to five years, to full self-support. How might this work be expanded? Congregations in Canada might "adopt" new places for nurturing through such two to five year periods.

Helps Towards the Church's Self-Government

Democratic government in the church is a proud heritage of Presbyterians, but it is not easily come by. The way of progress to good self governing is up a steep and hazardous path with dangers on every side. In no place are the problems connected with democratic processes more trying than among people with little background of give-and-take experience in the democratic method.

Twenty-five years ago we had only one Presbytery. It had been organized just twenty-five years previously in 1904. Its members were the five or six pastors of self-supporting churches together with the congregations' representative elders. To-day, that one Presbytery has grown into four, each of which, it will be interesting to note, is larger and stronger in membership and leadership potential than the first one of twenty-five years ago. In local churches a notable increase has been in the numbers of elected elders and deacons; among them, in both offices of able women not a few! These four Presbyteries form the present Synod of North Formosa and together with four in the south of the island form the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Formosa.

So much again for "change," what again about "challenge"? Each of these Presbyteries consists of between ten and twenty small, struggling congregations scattered through populous districts needing perhaps thirty to forty times as many churches as now exist. Elected officers in the Presbyteries call out to consecrated leaders in the mother church to "come over and HELP." They need help with their work of establishing self-supporting groups in all these unchurched areas. They need help in their practice of democratic procedure. They need help in leading their congregations and people generally in Christian thought and life. Never in the history of the work in Formosa could that ancient call to HELP be expressed more meaningfully than to-day.

Help Towards Self-Propagation

Of the three "HELPS", help to self-support, help to self-government and help to self-propagation, this last in looking over experiences of the past twenty-five years, may be said to have shown the most profound change. At the same time it unquestionably holds the most far-reaching challenge both to the daughter church and to the mother church as well. Twenty-five years ago Christians in Formosa spoke with feeling of "tso-ke", the homeland. They referred to the homeland of the missionaries. Having identified themselves closely with the missionaries in the faith, they spoke of the missionary homeland as if this were their very own also.

To-day, however, this terminology is rarely heard. Progress towards self-support and self-government have made a difference. Evidences of a spirit of self-reliance and of responsibility for the winning of Formosa for Christ are on the increase. Nevertheless there is a long, long way yet to go. Such evidences as are seen are related chiefly to local congregations and to the Presbyteries to which these belong. Institutions like hospitals and schools and colleges are much farther from self-support and self-government. Furthermore, old ideas of dependance often rise afresh. In these days of Formosa's increasingly close link with the Western world, there is a resurgence of the idea that all the privileges of Western civilization may still be possible soon, including high standard of living, in western style with motors and refrigerators and all the gadgets of modern life. Therefore there is the temptation among some Christian leaders to hope that given enough good sermons on recording platters for broadcasting an easy and possible way may be in hand for the winning of the ninety and nine lost sheep in every hundred of the population into the flock of the Great Shepherd. But deep in their hearts they know that this in itself is not enough.

Thus it may be seen that this area of great change is also an area of great challenge. It comes to the leadership of the church and particularly, it would seem, to leadership in the mother church. Two facts point this up. First, the changes that have taken place in twenty-five years have been very largely changes in the church's inner structure and organization. Self-propagation is given strong lip service but advance potential is often discouragingly weak. The numbers of communicants to-day shows much less increase over twenty-five years ago than might be expected. This however, is not a bad record considering the years of military dictatorship and warfare Formosa's Christians have been through. Instead of being overwhelmed and blotted out, the church held its own. This must be recognized as a great achievement. Now however comes the test of ability to advance.

The second fact is that the mother church also in the period under review has made no outstanding contribution to evangelistic advance in Formosa. In comparison with the need and with past endeavour, the twenty-five year contribution, in terms of fresh recruits for missionary endeavour, has been small indeed. Like the church in Formosa, the mother church also may be said to have been merely holding her own. Through the twenty-five year period of recession of missionary interest in Canada, during the aftermaths of two world wars, financial support for missions was kept continuously before the churches. The "red half" of the duplex envelopes was not cut off. And with overseas work, the lines of communication were kept fairly open. But now comes the challenge to advance. Now is the church's ability to advance to be tested.

Finally, let us remember that an appeal for fresh missionary leadership is not an appeal " for men only." Whether ministerial, medical or educational, women too, with ability are included in such appeal. Their mission when carried on in and through the struggling, growing daughter church could bear more far-reaching fruit than that of their brothers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

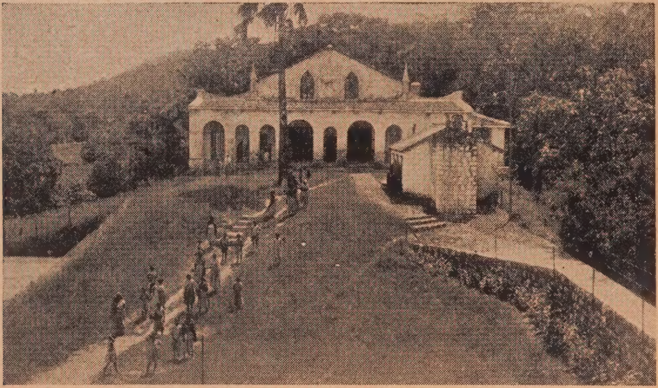
Miss Agnes Gollan, B.A., c/o Hugh Goldie College, Arochuku, Ito, Nigeria, West Africa

Miss Joan Rochemont, B.A., c/o Hugh Goldie College, Arochuku, Ito, Nigeria, West Africa

Over-Coming Indian Superstitions

The following is an excerpt from a talk given by Miss Margaret Kennedy at the Annual Council Meeting in Winnipeg

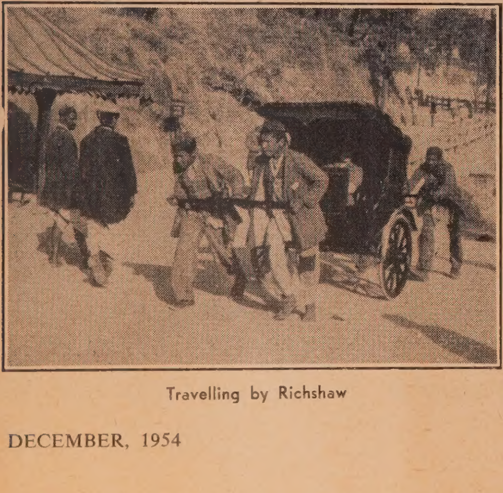
I WAS living in a tent in a Bhil village and my Indian companions and I were teaching the villagers who lived in their scattered mud and bamboo homes, that their fear of the spirits around them, spirits who controlled the crops, animals, health of man, birth of children, could be overcome. Could there really be a great good spirit who cared about them and who was not vengeful and capricious? One sad faced Bhil woman had suffered much and couldn't understand why the spirits cursed her so — two children had died, the young of both the cow and buffalo had died. In the opinion



Church at Amkhut

of her husband and all the village, she had obviously offended the spirits, She had gone to the grove, had given of her oil, of her red coloured powder, of her cocoanuts, but were the spirits pleased or placated? There was a great doubt and fear in her mind.

Canadian Presbyterian missionaries came to live among these primitive aborigines of Central India over fifty years ago and gradually a group of Bhils came to have confidence in their strange guests. Among others, one young lad Daniel started to learn to read and write; he soon did well enough to teach others and not only did he teach his people the three R's but he showed them that the great Creator God whom they called Bhagwan really was a living Being that He had come to earth to show Himself to men and to save them, and that there really was a great good spirit who could care for them now. So a small Church of Bhil Christians came to be established in the heart of Central India jungle. Schools grew, a hospital was established and yet development did not exceed the growth and education of the local Bhils. They were the ones who became teachers in the schools until now there are twenty-seven teachers in our mission schools alone; girls took nurses' training; boys also took nurses' training and some pharmacy. That boy Daniel, now a man, was ordained as the pastor of a self supporting congregation and how thrilled I was to hear some months ago that his oldest son Jalal had successfully passed his B.A. exams. Quite a change from the bow and arrow uncertain jungle existence of a generation ago! The son Jalal was a teacher in the local State school and he studied for his B.A. privately on his own. Now our Church in Canada has granted him a scholarship to study for three years to get his B.D. as he has decided to give his life to the Christian ministry among his own people. Some 1600 Bhils are now Christians in that area but there are still hundreds of thousands who don't know that there is a Truth that can set them free, that they can become new creations in Christ Jesus.



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Sharing in Canadian Missions

Some French Problems

The following article was written by the Rev. Andre Poulain, Minister of Eglise St. Luc (French) Presbyterian Church, Montreal, Quebec, since November 1950. Mr. Poulain is a graduate of the University of Paris and the Reformed Church Theological Seminary in Paris and holds the degree of Master of Sacred Theology from Union Seminary, New York. Mr. Poulain has served as Pastor of French Churches in Philadelphia and Washington, U.S.A. and for ten years prior to coming to Canada was a Pastor in Dieppe, France.

NOTES ON FRENCH WORK

The editor of "The Glad Tidings" asked me to write an article about our work but I must confess that it is not easy for me to know what I should say. When I hear a prominent member of the government of the Province of Quebec speaking to a gathering of French Protestants stating that the battle of the plains of Abraham is not yet finished; when from another side I discover that there are English Canadians who do not care about what is French in Canada and who seem only waiting for the day when everybody will speak English I realize that, aggravated by the distances, there is a large split in this country between the two language groups. And as I become more and more aware of the complexity of the problems we have to face, my question is; How shall I be able to present accurately our work to the English Presterians? You will pardon me if I am just trying to think with you about the French work which should be of concern to every devoted Christian who loves his country.

The W.M.S. was founded with the purpose of helping in the French work. It was its main concern. Now it has become a very small part of its work. The Presbyterian Church in Canada had given for a long time, a special place to the French work. I know that in 1925 all the missions went to the United Church. But the French work is now considered as not being more important than any other work among people whose mother-tongue is not English. In fact it seems less important than the work among Hungarians, Chinese, etc. And there are reasons since the French Protestants are fewer than the Hungarians, the Chinese and maybe the Italian Protestants. Very few people seem to recognize the official bilingualism of Canada and if it can be understood for most of the Provinces of Canada, it is certainly a wrong attitude when it is a question of the Province of Quebec.

It must not be forgotten that there are two million people who speak only French in the Province of Quebec and that in Canada there are four million people whose mother-tongue is French. It must also be said that the use of the French language is gaining in the Province of Quebec. I had an opportunity to speak recently to two ministers whose charges are in towns in the neighbourhood of Montreal and they foresee in maybe less than fifty years the extinction of their English congregation. In this district there are places which were entirely English 50 years ago and which now are more than half French.

That is why we must consider that Quebec is going to remain French in language and culture indefinitely. It is wishful thinking to wait for the anglicization of this part of Canada and Presbyterians must give a special place in their hearts and understanding to the French work. Dr. J. Mackay of Princeton, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was right in stating in Montreal that; "Canadian churches faced incomparable opportunity to help build up, in Quebec Province, a bilingual culture which could be a beacon light to other lands in showing how two great peoples could live together in harmony and peace." And Dr. R. Lennox, Principal of the Presbyterian College, presented this statement to the Board of Missions, a statement which was approved heartily by the French Canadians in our English speaking Communities. Canada, like some other countries of the old world, had been bilingual throughout its history thus far, and it is likely to remain bilingual for a long time to come. Our common life may be greatly enriched by the blending of our French and English traditions and cultures. Christian faith is not confined to either of these or to any other, but stands over all such, condemning all that does violence to the Kingdom of God, which has come in Jesus-Christ and approving and blessing whatever is consistent, or in the measure to which it is consistent, with that Kingdom. Neither is religion necessarily linked to any language. Yet, there has been a tendency in Canada for Roman Catholicism to be intimately associated in the minds of some with the French language and for Protestantism to be associated similarly with the English language. We have become convinced that every opportunity should be given our French-speaking brethren to enjoy all the benefits of religion, education and social relationship without the sacrifice of their mother-tongue. Indeed, only thus can we fully honour the commonly recognized principle that the Christian Gospel can best be communicated to men by means of the symbols and terms with which they are familiar."

These statements by Church leaders show that there are people who try to understand the situation of Canada in face of the growing maturity of French Canada. But is the Church as a whole aware of its responsibility? And in practice, are we, French speaking Protestants, able to incorporate ourselves in the life of French Canada and to bring our contribution to the development of this part of Canada? Statements are not enough. Action should follow. And here is the problem.

How shall we be able to build a mature French Protestantism as long as our children will be obliged, under the confessional school system of the Province to receive a basic English education? How shall we ever be able to prepare French Canadian ministers to labour among their fellow French Canadians as long as they will receive all their education in English? They will be more fluent in English than in French and under the present status our churches will appear rightly as being corridors toward anglicization. In our Sunday School, most of our children read English well while they are not always able to read French. In the French Canadian churches established for decades, one frequently hears people speaking English. How shall we be able to meet this way the great need of French Canada and to make an impact on its life? In the 1941 census, statistics showed that there were 100,000 protestants in Canada from a French Canadian origin but that only 17,000 were living in Quebec Province. And how many had become English speaking? It may be that these people are happier this way and that many English people are pleased, but the question is, are we really fulfilling our duty and are we bringing the real contribution we should to the life of Canada? These figures show at least that Protestantism is not foreign to the French Canadian mind.

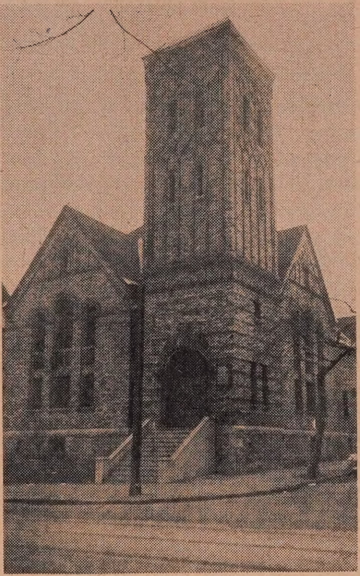
Moreover, the means of communication are not opened to us. The English Protestants have not yet taken a sufficient interest in our work to make representations to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in order that in this free country some time be allowed to us in French to broadcast our religious services. The French Press is no more available to us.

Here are some of the problems confronting us. I put these questions before you to help you think more vividly about our work.

But in spite of these difficulties we are going forward because the need is real. The General Board of Missions appointed recently the Rev. A. Jossinet in the city of Quebec where he is greatly helped by the local minister the Rev. W. Butcher and the English congregation. The Rev. Jacques Smith is continuing his activity in the Province opening new work in some places and foreseeing the need of French speaking ministers in some strategic towns. More and more English ministers are becoming aware of the importance of our French work. The French Advisory Committee is taking an active interest in it and the secretaries of the W.M.S. and of the Board of Missions are understanding our work and trying by every means to help us forward. The publication of "La Vie Cretienne" is a great help in our work. And in Montreal we see with great joy more and more people coming in touch with our church which we consider a vital French mission. There is then matter for rejoicing.

We have to struggle against the spreading out of people, against environment, against the social structure of French Canada, we have to amalgamate French Canadians and immigrants whose French is their mother-tongue or has become their spoken language but, with God's help, we are moving forward. We hope that the French speaking people of our missions will feel more and more responsible toward God's work.

We know that God "Is no respector of persons" and there is a great thing about our work, we can count only on the resources of the Holy Spirit. We have no help from a human, social or political point of view. And we are a mission in the fullest sense of the term. In our St. Luc's Church out of 133 communicant members 98 are converts. We have "to take the whole armour of God" but we know that "the weapons of our welfare . . . have divine power to destroy strongholds."


Presbyterian Church of St. Luc, Montreal

May God give us His strength to answer the need of so many people in French Canada.

Chinese Workers Conference

By RUTH A. YEANDLE

"We must take every means to emphasize Jesus Christ to all who come within our buildings." These words of the Reverend Paul Chan give the key-note of the Chinese Workers' Conference, held in Toronto in connection with the Pre-Assembly Congress. Six meetings were attended by thirty people twenty-three of whom were Chinese. Some of the "means" used to "emphasize Jesus Christ" in the various centres formed the basis of discussions led by members of the group. Excellent group participation made each meeting both interesting and informative.

One such discussion was on the topic of transportation of children to and from the kindergartens. The suggestion that we try "Branch Kindergartens" in suburban districts where quite a number of Chinese families live provoked lively interest. For this church a hall as well as at least one worker would be needed to conduct the classes. Suitable workers are difficult to find. They must have good English, good Chinese, a thorough Bible training to give the necessary religious education and also they must have some aptitude for teaching small children. Yet, the Rev. Paul Chan also pointed out, "this is the golden opportunity to bring the Gospel to the little ones and through them to the older people in the homes.

A discussion on young people's work led by Miss Ruth Ma of Toronto stressing the importance of Bible study and member participation was a challenge to all. "Ours is a Christ-centred group," said Miss Ma. "So often we take Christ as our Lord and Saviour and then do nothing about it." The question of how to reach the Chinese young people brought up the problem of language. Many Canadian-born young people know very little Chinese, while the new-comers have little English. In Toronto the meetings are conducted in English. In Vancouver they are conducted in both languages, while in Ottawa they have two separate groups. It was felt that one group for both Canadian-born and new-comers was best in order that "a common area for understanding and friendship might be established." A happy Christian atmosphere is necessary to achieve "our objective — to bring these new-comers into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Mr. Fred Wong spoke further of the needs of the new-comers when he expressed the desire that a Chinese woman worker might be able to do visiting in Windsor where there are between sixty and seventy Chinese families. There are many such places across Canada where Chinese women and children live without a knowledge of English or any organized Chinese work. It was felt that two or more workers free to travel about and visit isolated groups would bring great spiritual blessing.

Mr. Chuck Mah of Saskatoon also spoke on behalf of his fellow-new-comers. A tall quiet young man, he was given the privilege of speaking in Chinese if he wished but he declined and used good English although he has only been here two years. He was asked whether he had attended church in China. He answered, "No."

"Then," queried one, "how do you happen to be at this Christian Conference?"

"It is because a very kind lady in a small Prairie town invited some of us boys to her home," he replied. "We couldn't understand much English but she made us feel welcome and took us to church. Gradually we understood more and more of what was said and now I am a Christian."

This that was done by a woman whose name we don't know (but Christ does) is perhaps the greatest lesson learned at the Chinese Workers' Conference. It shows the far-reaching results of kindness done in the Name of the Master. May the Lord raise up many like her to be a friend to the Chinese and other new-comers that their coming to Canada may mean their coming to Christ. Here is the theme of the Congress at work: "CHRIST FOR ALL; ALL FOR CHRIST."

Changes In The Annual Report

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL

New Treasurer:

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New address for Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary:

Miss D. Sinclair
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SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL

New Senior Auxiliary Secretary:

Miss Mabel Dodds
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NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL

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MISS RHODA PALFREY, B.A.

NEW ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR MISSIONS OF THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT OF CANADA

As a student at Mount Allison University, Miss Palfrey was active in the Student Christian Movement.

In 1949 she attended the General Committee of the W.S.C.F. at Whitby, and the World's Student Christian Federation Conference at Bowling Green, Ohio. She graduated in 1950.

In Japan for three years as a short-term missionary teacher, Miss Palfrey taught Oral English to High School and Junior College girls, and gave leadership in their after-school youth activities.

Summers were spent at an International Work Camp, Kanazawa, and an American Friends' International Study Seminar, Tokyo.

Summer 1954 – National Council of the Student Christian Movement, Paris, Ontario.

The Layman's Institute, sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches, held this year in Winnipeg.

The World's Student Christian Federation Missionary Strategy Consultation, held in Monmouth, Illinois.

Miss Palfrey is at present visiting all the universities in Western Canada.

Literature Page

WITH Formosa becoming increasingly important front-page news as world conditions grow more uncertain and strategic in that part of East Asia, and our own interest as Presbyterians is deepened by concern for the Formosan Christian Church and our own missionaries there, no book could be more valuable reading at this time than "Then Till Now in Formosa," by Hugh MacMillan, B.D., M.A., Ph.D., one of our own most devoted and experienced workers in Formosa since 1924. Dr. MacMillan, in addition to his work at MacKay Memorial Hospital, Taipei, devotes a great deal of time to Christian Literature for Formosa, through the publication of "Tai-Oan Kau-Hoe Kong-Po," the Formosan Presbyterian Church Monthly Magazine which has continued without interruption for 69 years, as well as many booklets which he writes and publishes.

In this book he gives a concise outline of the beginning and the growth of the vigorous "Younger Church" in Formosa during almost a century filled with wars and rumours of wars. Yet despite strife, confusion, and many setbacks, the Formosan Presbyterian Church, both North and South, has merged into one strong unified Church, recently admitted to membership in the World Council of Churches and the World Presbyterian Alliance, thus establishing a new relationship and fellowship with the Mother Churches in England and Canada, and a growing understanding of the whole missionary - ecumenical movement of which it is a vital part.

Beginning with a complete word-picture of "The Island Beautiful," 250 miles long and 90 miles at its widest part, "the central pearl in a string of islands down the coast of Asia from Manchuria to Indo-China," Dr. MacMillan describes the people; climate; agriculture; industries and resources; Government and Social Organization; past history, and present outlook and possibilities. Through eight decades of history, we follow closely the beginning and development of the Church in Formosa from the first two waves of Reformation influence to the present day, when it is the indigenous Church in Formosa, Presbyterian in government, and "The Island's Great New Fact." Here is a great fund of interesting information about those missionary beginnings, the modern Ministry of Medicine, which always made evangelism a primary emphasis, and the story and background of the Medical Missionaries and Nursing Sisters; the Ministry of Education, always an important function of the Presbyterian Church, and our own Canadian part in it; the growth of literacy and literature; and the thrilling story of the Christian Youth Movement, now an active part within the Church, and a great hope for the future. Published by the English and Canadian Presbyterian Missions in Formosa, and dedicated by its author to "many brother and sister Christians in Formosa," this is definitely a worth-while book which should be read by everyone.

"Christian World Facts – 1955," a compact volume of interest selling at 25c, is a comprehensive resume of the work of the Christian Church throughout the world, with personal evidences of the response it has brought forth in the lives and hearts of people of all races and tongues. An invaluable gathering-together of information from far and wide with stories and illustrations especially valuable to speakers and programme planners, as well as all Church members, this is a book which should be in Auxiliary Libraries and placed in the hands of Youth Organizations.

I would recommend also two excellent One-Act Plays of India which could be used to great advantage during the coming year – "That Heaven of Freedom," with a cast of two women and three girls, and about life in a girls Mission School in India; and "Physician In Charge," whose setting is the interior of a Mission Hospital in today's India – a moving story of Christian Service and devotion. Both cost 50c, as does "Fun and Festival from India, Pakistan and Ceylon," containing a splendid selection of programmes, games, drama, costumes ideas, and even recipes of these interesting lands. Any group could use this book in many helpful ways.

THE CROSS IN THE VILLAGE – *by Laura Pelton,* is a four act sketch with a cast of fifteen and was prepared for Presbyterial Annual Meetings.

At the present time it is not for general distribution or sale.

"The Cross in the Village" is a simple dramatic sketch based on the life of one family in a small village on the Bhil Field, India. While the dialogue is entirely imaginary and the characters are fictitious, the general theme is indicative of the situation which inevitably follows the acceptance of the Christian faith by a family in a non-Christian environment.

The locale is a village in India, but again it could happen in almost locale and among any people where the overwhelming population is non-Christian. It is therefore the intention of the writer of this little sketch to portray a situation which can be applicable to any mission field and to present a problem which confronts missionaries wherever the church is being built.

Christmas Message from the Bhil Field, India

Dear Ladies in Canada:

When you read this, I trust that I will be safely back in Central India, but a host of warm memories of meeting so many of you during the past year will bridge the seas between us. Christmas will be coming near; your shops will be gaily lighted and sparkling with decorations. In Jobat there will be a splash of colour too where the brilliant sunshine streams down on the poinsettias, the roses and chrysanthemums. The bougainvillea will be in its glory and the church caretaker will be taking some of the blossoms to decorate the green plants that are put on either side of the pulpit each Sunday morning, softening the harshness of the plain stone platform.

Are you beginning to feel that inner excitement that inevitably comes as Christmas draws near, despite your tiredness from shopping and preparation? We will be preparing too, with practices for school children, for the women, and for other groups as we never weary of Christmas plays. The Indian pastor and his leading men will be appointing a committee for decorating the Church; a committee for cutting down and bringing in the Christmas trees (two at least for the hospital besides the one for the church); a committee for bringing the goat, rice, spices, etc., and yet another committee has to see to the cooking. The pastor will read out all the names some two Sundays before Christmas Day, and this really creates the feeling that "Barra Din," the Great Day, is actually coming near again.

This is the Christians' Great Day. The Hindus had a "great day" back in October when they celebrated Divali, the Feast of Lights. The Hindu mothers cleaned their homes; little clay lamps were bought by the dozen and at evening time these were lit and placed so that the homes were transfigured by an outline of soft, glowing light. If the home is bright and inviting, the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, might enter and leave her blessing and the god Krishna might leave a gift of sweetness for the children.

All peoples have their special feasts. We humans seems to have a need of them; they strengthen and make real the spirit of community. Is it necessary then that all peoples should know about Christmas? Do we have something in *our* heritage that is unique?

The uniqueness lies in Him who

is unique, Jesus Christ. From His birth to His ascension, His life was miraculous, viewed by our earthy and limited vision. Many noble, inspired men have trod this earth, but none of these claimed to be sinless; there has been no other but Him, whose every thought and action could be scanned and judged as above reproach. Nobility in men has only deepened the consciousness of sin within. No, not for a noble life do we give thanks at Christmas time, but for the life of quite another quality, Divine Life, complete Life, and for that Life made accessible to us.

The joyousness of this season has a true Spring of Joy, though participants may forget that origin. It is something real, of contemporary interest, we are remembering. There are stories among other peoples of divine incarnations but none concern a Being whose existence is a part of history, whose every recorded word has been tried and tested, whose power is evidenced not by magic but by the voluntary surrender of men's wills that they may be confirmed to His will. Man is a slave to his own will, but when men willed to destroy their very Creator on a cross, God overcame their blind folly. He arose and made His own poured-out Life available to all those who turn, sickened by their self-will.

Do you know of some in Canada, besides yourself, who have been changed in their outlook and way of life by the coming into fellowship with this living Jesus Christ who was once a baby in Bethlehem? I know of many in India, many who, like myself, do not find any great miracle happening, but who in the daily discipline of life sometimes despair of, sometimes rejoice in, being made comfortable to His image. I have heard others tell of like experiences happening in Africa, in China. It is obvious then that this gift of a new kind of Life is not just applicable to certain people. No set form, ceremony or circumstances prescribes its application; it meets a need more basic. Only a person is needed, any person, with a yearning and the glimmer of a faith in his heart, then Divine Love, begins once more to make itself evident.

The Christmas message around the world — how it is needed! One Divine Life and Will working to a glorious purpose through the lives of men everywhere! Men struggle and fumble and do what they can to achieve international peace and national harmony, and they forget the One who has willed and who has the power to bring Peace on Earth, Goodwill among men.

Christian women of Canada, are your voices being heard proclaiming "Christ for the World," and one way toward peace among all nations?

MARGARET F. KENNEDY

C. G. I. T.

Invite You To

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Church members are all acquainted with the familiar white middy blouse and navy skirt that is the uniform of the C.G.I.T., but may not know of the wide and varied program carried on by this movement. It's primary aim is to help its members toward a Christian way of life and service, and also to give them a broad program of recreational and constructive activity. In its midweek activities handicrafts, study, dramatics, worship and recreation are all included. C.G.I.T. girls take part in countless projects — plays, bazaars, teas, hikes, and voluntary service of many kinds. In the summer, everyone wants to attend C.G.I.T. camps.

The C.G.I.T. group in your church will welcome your interest and invites you to share the rich experience of the Christmas Vesper Service with them. Plan to attend the one in your Church or community.

Christmas in India Recalled

BY RUTH AND MARY AGAR

YOU might think it queer to hear them say that they loved Christmas in India. But they did, these two girls, Ruth and Mary Agar. Without snow, without make-believe Santa Clauses, without colourful and costly displays in store windows, and without even an evergreen tree, Christmas was a wonderful time. This is what they tell us about the last of the fine Christmas seasons they spent in Central India.

"The excitement began at the end of November when we came down from the hills from school for holidays. 'Drama' practice had begun. Every year on Christmas eve, the young people and children of the Christian congregation at Barwani, dramatized the story of the birth of Christ. With live goats and sheep for the shepherds' flocks, and Oriental costumes, the birth of Christ and its meaning became very real. Many non-Christians came to see and to listen. We were usually angels, dressed in beautiful white saris with shining tinsel around our heads.

"For many days in December there were a lot of preparations in our own home, the mission bungalow. One year, friends in Canada sent us gifts and we were able to give every small Christian child a little toy on Christmas morning. We girls helped wrap these.

"Candy-making, too, was real fun. We liked to help mother make the big plates of candy for the carol singers. Usually we made popcorn balls, peanut brittle and fudge. You see, the Indian people where we lived don't have any desserts at meal-times and they connot afford many sweets, so this Christmas morning candy is a special treat.

"We had said that we had no evergreen tree, and maybe you thought to yourself, 'no tree to decorate. I wouldn't like that!' We wouldn't either, so we used a thorn tree. After a small one had been cut and the goats had eaten the green leaves off it (goats can do that without getting pricked) dad fixed it in a pot and took it into the living room. Dressing up our Christmas tree was the biggest job. A piece of popcorn had to be stuck on each thorn. We pricked our fingers and got tired, but when it began to look pretty we hurried to finish. Our decorations were from home, and these we hung just as you do in Canada. We think it was a very nice kind of Christmas tree, don't you?

'Kush ho! ki Yishu ayah hai
Usko kabul ker lay'
—Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

"The carol singers wakened us every Christmas morning. We loved it even though it wasn't even light yet. At first, the singing was close and we knew that they were at the Christian homes nearby. Then it would die away and we knew that they had gone to other Christian homes in the bazaar. They came to our bungalow last of all. Then we sang too. It was cold before the sun rose, but nobody minded that because it was Christmas. When all the singers had gotten their sweets and the little children their gifts, they went home to dress for church. For us, then, there was the opening of family presents and breakfast—if we could eat any.

"At church time you would have liked to see the pretty saris, for everyone turned out in her newest and best clothes. Christmas services were nice because even children like us knew that Christmas meant that Christ was born.

"The rest of the day everyone joined in games and sports, and then the 'khana.' That was the meal of rice and curried goat meat which all the Christian people ate together. We sat outdoors on mats. It was dusk then, and quiet. You could see the shepherd bringing back his flock of goats from pasture, guiding each one in turn to its owner's home as he went along. There was the herdsman, too, with the water buffalo. People were going home from working in the fields at the end of the day talking loudly as they walked together. They hadn't celebrated Christmas. And we made sure by asking mom and dad. 'No', they said, 'and how many others there are all around us and in villages some distance away, but right on our own mission field.' They had had no Christmas because they did not know Christ."

Yes, Christmas means that Christ is born and if we have Him, we can have a true Christmas in India, or anywhere, without evergreen trees and snow and costly displays, that we can pray and work to help those people in far off India to know that Christ was born to be their Saviour as well as ours.

The Extra Shepherd

by LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

A Christmas Story Which Could Happen in Africa

THE day had come at last. The day before the Christmas vacation when the children of the Christian school in the little North African village were to present the Christmas story. Great had been the preparations. The rehearsals had been many and serious. Budding carpenters had constructed a substantial platform in front of some bamboo trees. A manger had been carefully made by the same carpenters and just as carefully filled with grass by some of the younger pupils. Torches stood ready to be lighted that those who made up the audience in the darkness of the African night might be assured of seeing what was taking place. Everything seemed well in hand. The school children were very excited and happy.

There was one boy in the village who did not share their happiness. For a long time Kodjo had watched the activities of the Christian school from afar. Secretly he wished very much that he might share in them. His cousins went to that school and he liked to hear about the things they learned but he could only question them when they were all far away from his father. His father was a Moslem and did not wish his son to have anything to do with Christians or their teaching. Every day at the proper hours his father recited the proper prayers to Allah. Allah seemed very remote. But even his small girl cousins talked of praying to the Christians' God. They said He cared about each one of them, indeed about all the people in the world. Their God was a kind and loving Father who watched over you when you were out in the hills with your sheep. Kodjo thought he would like to know more about the God who cared.

Kodjo knew about the special Christmas festivities at the school. He wanted very much to be in that neighbourhood to see what was going on. His father had gone away very early in the morning on a couple of days' journey on business, before going he had warned his son to look well to the sheep while he was away. Kodjo intended to obey but he did hope that after the sheep were safely in for the night he might be able to steal to the edge of the crowd to see what was taking place on the platform. He particularly wanted to see Dede. Dede was his cousin and she had told him that she had been chosen to take the part of Mary. That did not mean much to Kodjo but what he did know was that Dede had become a very different girl since she had been going to the Christian school. Well he remembered how, as a small boy, he had feared her displeasure which was easily aroused. Now she semed to have patience and understanding. He wondered what had made her different. Kodjo wondered about many things. What was this Christmas they were celebrating? Dede said it was the birthday of Jesus, the Son of God.

Kodjo thought a great deal that day as he trudged over the hills with his sheep. Often he felt afraid out on the hillsides alone in the stillness. His cousins said if you prayed to God He would protect you from harm. His mother said only grown men could speak to the great Allah. He loved to find the beautiful, brightly coloured flowers that bloomed even among the seemingly barren rocks. His cousins said God made them beautiful for the enjoyment of His children but his father laughed at that and said they were just a bit more food for the sheep. Small wonder that Kodjo was puzzled. He liked the things his cousins said. He wished they were true. Perhaps they were?

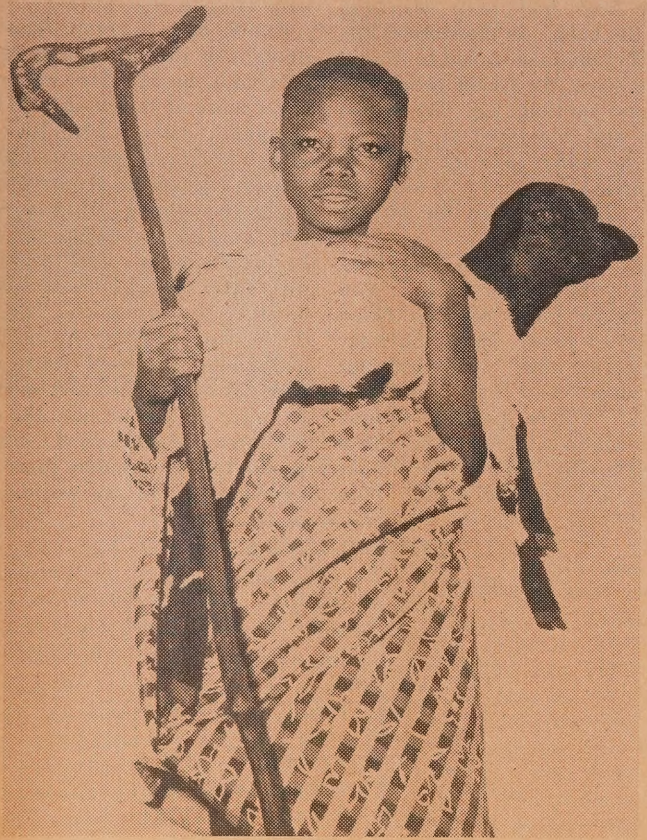
The afternoon seemed especially long after he had eaten his lunch of dry, flat barley bread and a few figs and dates. He kept looking at the sky to see how soon he might take the sheep home. He was not always in a hurry to go home. Often he had fun playing with some of the more frisky sheep like Tweka, his special pet. Today he was anxious to get them home and he found it difficult to keep his attention on his charges. At last it was time to go! Hurriedly he rounded up the sheep, guiding them over the winding paths. Arriving home he began checking them in to their night abode. But where was Tweka? How could he have missed her, his very own "small one" who had grown to be such "a big one". All thought of school festivities vanished. He *must* find Tweka!

Hastily making the other sheep secure he ran back over the crooked paths. Shadows were beginning to fall. Time was precious Carefully he looked under the shrubs and down the rugged slopes. Then he thought he heard a faint bleating. He listened. Had he really heard it or was he imagining? No, the sound came again, up from a small valley between the hills. It was getting darker but Kodjo scrambled down, reckless of scraped knees and legs. The bleating seemed nearer but the darkness made it hard to locate the black face of his pet. Finally he saw a spot of white in the shadows. Was that Tweka's back? Yes, there she was, almost hidden under a low shrub. He knelt beside her. "My poor Tweka, what is the matter?" He set her up on her legs only to have her fall over bleating piteously. A leg must be sprained or broken. What would he do? His father could have fixed it but he was away. But wait! His cousins said the pastor-teacher knew how to make hurt things well. He would take Tweka to him. Picking the sheep up in his arms he struggled up the hillside. Tweka was no light burden, but Kodjo was no weak shepherd and he loved his sheep. Time after time he had to lay her down while he stretched weary muscles and regained his breath. Fear gripped him as he stumbled over the paths, familiar enough in the daylight, but now strangely menacing. He found himself praying, "O God, if you do hear children's prayers, help me to get Tweka to the pastor. I can't leave her on the hills for the wild beasts."

After struggling on for what seemed an endless time, he saw lights ahead — the torches! As he got to the edge of the crowd he could see on the platform a number of shepherds who looked very much like himself. Then in the stillness he heard a voice — "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." He heard music and singing and saw a blinding light. The voice continued, "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The story continued until once more the choir sang, "Glory to God in the Highest", and, as the sound of the music faded away the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass."

Kodjo stood spellbound, almost forgetting the sheep which had snuggled down in the warmth and safety of his arms. Now the shepherds began to move off the platform to wend their way to Bethlehem. Their path led them around the edge of the crowd past where Kodjo stood. Almost unconsciously he found himself following them as they wound their way through the crowd and back to the platform which had now become the stable in Bethlehem. There was the manger, and Mary and Joseph. A very lovely Mary, Dede whose kindly face looked out from a mantle of the most beautiful blue Kodjo had ever seen. The shepherds knelt by the manger, among them an "extra shepherd", who had never rehearsed, a shepherd who carried a black and white sheep in his arms. As they all filed out to make way for the wisemen, a look of surprise flitted across Mary's face. She whispered softly, "Is Tweka hurt?" Kodjo nodded. "Take her to the



The Extra Shepherd

pastor," said the gentle Mary. Once off the platform one of the other shepherds led him to the pastor who had been watching from the back. As the story of the first Christmas continued to unfold on the stage, the pastor gently felt the now swelling leg, put splints on it and bandaged it securely, while he spoke assuring words to the worried shepherd who told him of his anxious search for his beloved pet.

"You are a good shepherd Kodjo," the pastor said. "You must learn more of The Good Shepherd, Jesus, whose birthday we celebrate now. He too seeks for His sheep who have wandered away." "Where are His sheep?" asked Kodjo timidly. The pastor smiled kindly, "His sheep are the people all over the world. Jesus wants to bring them all into his fold. Some day, if you learn of Him, you may be a shepherd to help Him in that work."

As Kodjo hurried home he thought of the things that he had seen and heard. He wanted to know more of this Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Perhaps when his father saw how the pastor-teacher had helped Tweka he might let him go to the school. Anyway Kodjo had "gone to Bethlehem" and once having been there he could not turn back. He felt that somehow he and Tweka must now belong to the Christ at whose manger they had knelt. He *must* learn more. The pastor had said that some day he might be able to help the Good Shepherd. Kodjo was sure he would like to do that more than anything else in the world.

SHEPHERD BOY'S SONG

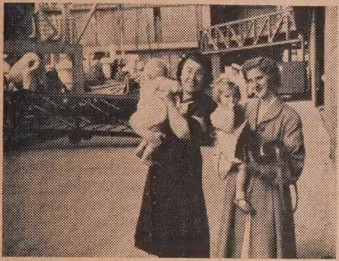
When I was leading sheep to-day,
I thought I heard
A note of bird
Carolling a springtime lay
This winter day.
When I was folding sheep to-night,
A stir of wings
As summer brings
Wheeled to a flame of mystic light
This winter night.
I wonder, will the nations hear
This song? See light
'Mid war and pain, through grief and fear —
Christ's song of cheer?
INCARNATE LIGHT?

Mary Winter Were,
in *The British Weekly.*

YOUR MISSIONARY DOLLAR AT WORK

"I was a Stranger"

OUR PORT WORKER



MANY and varied are the experiences of our Port Worker. Each boat brings its hopes, sadness, happiness and reunion. If each member could have the wonderful experience of meeting just one boat she would truly see the missionary dollar working in the lives of new Canadians.

This is a story of one of the many incidents which happened last year. One of the boats was late in docking. This meant that in some cases travellers missed their train connections and were greatly inconvenienced. Since passengers were not allowed to stay on board the ship over night it was necessary to find accommodation elsewhere.

Our Port Worker found herself looking after a weeping elderly lady, who was travelling with her two small granddaughters, aged five and a half and two years, to join her son and daughter-in-law in Northern Ontario. She was very excited and concerned for the children and was bewildered about the procedures of customs, and so on, at the pier. She stopped crying when our worker assured her that she would find a room for them for the night. They were on the last bus leaving for Central station and the only accommodation the Traveller's Aid could suggest was a big room with two double beds and they had a German lady and a young son wanting accommodation also. The two parties agreed to share the room since they were from the same ship. Our worker went with them to the room by taxi and, after getting them settled, agreed to return for them the next day at noon to take them back to the station. The landlady said she would give them their breakfast. It was necessary to pay for the bed for the elderly lady and the two girls as she did not have enough money for this unexpected expense. The German lady wished to pay her own way.

Arrangements were made for a friend to meet them at noon in the station to act as an interpreter and go with them at lunch time and take them shopping for food for the train. Later in the day they were put on board their proper train. The English lady said that our Port Worker was the most understanding person she had ever met and she had not received such kindness in her whole life before. It was a wonderful day and experience working through an interpreter and caring for these strangers through the love and gracious giving of our Society. If you, as members, could only have seen their eyes fill with tears as good-byes were said you would realize what this kindness had meant to them. Surely a work of love in the Master's Name.

Miss Hilda Blackwell of our National staff is the receptionist at the ports of Montreal and Quebec. Our Society is responsible for Miss Blackwell's salary and her expenses in travelling between these two ports. Each year a grant of $100.00 is given for the printing of letters of welcome in several languages. For the past two summers our Society has appointed an Assistant to Miss Blackwell to help with the extra work involved with the greater number of ships coming to the ports during the summer months.

"THE STARS ALSO"

The world could get along somehow
With sun and moon, I know —
But after God had finished these
He "made the stars also."

The world will get along somehow
If I give grudgingly, I know —
But rather I would give like God
Who "Made the stars also."

—Alice Crowell Hoffman

Through the Society

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Vancouver, Press Secretary.

KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—The newly formed St. Giles Presbyterian Church, in **Prince George,** the most recent addition to the Kamloops - Okanagan Presbytery, has gratefully accepted a pulpit Bible donated by the W.M.S. members of St. Andrew's in **Armstrong.** This was donated in memory of Mrs. W. J. Smith, one of their devoted members. The beautiful leather bound volume, was dedicated by the Reverend John A. Johnston of Prince George.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL —The Regional Rally of Westminster Presbyterial, held in **White Rock** September 15th under the leadership of Mrs. E. Fox, President, had the tone of prayerful preparation. The large attendance of W.M.S. workers was welcomed by Reverend H. Green, the resident pastor. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President, sounded a note of reconsecration and rededication in her remarks on the recent Council meetings. Miss A. Read of the Children's centre, reporting on the Camp at Roberts Creek, urged that it be used by parents when not in use by groups.

Mrs. F. Metzger, guest speaker, based her remarks on St. Paul and asked the pointed question "Do we bear the marks of God's love in our lives?" Men, as well as women, should be Missionary members and our personal responsibilities are to Pray, Go and Give. A new departure was a panel discussion. Constructive discussion brought out the necessity of setting up the family alter which is the driving force behind Christian living. Christ's presence should show in our dealings with our fellow men. Miss Reaveley, returned missionary from India, Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss Anderson, deaconess, were among those present.

The Girls' Work of Westminster presbyterial got off to a good start with a supper rally at St. Paul's Church, **Vancouver.** About 125 girls, leaders and guests were present. In addition to groups from **Vancouver** and **New Westminster,** there were girls from **Hope, Matsqui, Abbotsford, North Clearbrook** and **Mission City,** Mrs. S. Quigley, Presbyterial Girls Work Secretary, presided and greetings were brought from the various W.M.S. organizations, Christian Education committees and the Girls Work Board. Sponsor of the new Girls Council, Miss Edith McCallum, was introduced by Mary Roos.

The evening meeting was opened with a lively sing-song led by Mrs. E. Matheson. Janice Allen and Sheila Quigley of the Kerrisdale group led the worship service and Dixie Kee, chief camper at Intermediate Girls Camp, **Roberts Creek,** gave her impressions of her first camp experience. Mrs. Norval Robertson, guest speaker, brought to the girls an inspiring message, challenging them to live up to their purpose as Canadian Girls in Training and emphasizing the valuable experience to be gained in Girls Groups.

ALBERTA

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Press Secretary

CALGARY PRESBYTERIAL — Banff Auxiliary held their opening meeting of the fall term in September at the home of Mrs. Whitman with a good attendance of members and several visitors present. The president, Mrs. Hiscock, presided and many items of interest were dealt with and the Auxiliary is making plans for a very prosperous year's work.

The honor guest of the afternoon was Mrs. T. A. Rodgers, a faithful member of the Calgary Presbyterial, while she was stationed in Calgary with her husband, the late Reverend T. A. Rodgers, who was a former pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

The Goforth Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church met recently at the home of Miss Joan Inglis to honor one of its members, Miss May Nutt, who is leaving for Toronto to train for a Deaconess. President, Miss Catherine MacKenzie presented her with a gift and expressed the good wishes of the group for her in her new venture.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL — The **Valley Centre** Ladies Aid affiliated society of the W.M.S. was hostess to the **Willowdale** and **Edwell** W.M.S. groups at the August meeting. Mrs. L. G. Alexander, Presbyterial president gave a general talk on missions, stressing the work of Indian missions in Manitoba. Mrs. P. Weber, Welcome and Welfare Secretary explained in detail the duties of the departmental secretaries.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. ROY MANNING, ROSETOWN,
PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — The Edna Bell Auxiliary held their Fall Thank-offering meeting in the lecture hall of First Church, **Regina.** The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Vickers and taken from the service of Worship for Thanksgiving by Reverend J. B. Skene, in the Glad Tidings. Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Norman Kennedy. She told of her visits to Kenora and her impressions of the Indians there. She also told something about the Cecelia Jeffery Indian School and the task that lies ahead for work in missions in educating the Indians. A very welcome guest was Miss Florence Goertzen.

Reverend Dr. N. D. Kennedy spoke at the fall Thank-offering meeting of the Women's Federation of First Presbyterian Church, **Regina** and gave an outline of some of the discussions that took place at the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mrs. John Shaw presided at the meeting. A social hour followed.

MANITOBA SYNODICAL

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The sectional meeting of Brandon Presbyterial of the W.M.S. held in **Hartney** on October 1st was well attended despite poor weather. Members from **Lenore, Wellwood, Brandon, Melita and Hartney** were present. Mrs. J. G. McBurney presided.

Reports and discussions took place followed by a panel discussion on the study book led by Mrs. J. C. Duthie of Hartney. The evening session included a panel discussion on "Women's place in the Church" led by Mrs. R. A. Davidson of First Church, **Brandon.**

Mrs. Charles LeCocq of **Fort William** brought a very interesting message. Solo was contributed by Mrs. William Duthie of Hartney.

Approximately eighty were in attendance at a Women's Missionary Society sectional meeting at **Wellwood,** Manitoba. Afternoon and evening sessions were conducted by the President, Mrs. J. G. McBurney of **Hartney.**

A panel discussion on "The Place of Women in the Church" was led by Mrs. R. A. Davidson of First Church, **Brandon,** and a discussion on the study book "Where're the Sun" was led by Mrs. Leeson of St. Andrew's Church, **Brandon.**

Mrs. McBurney brought a report of the Council held recently in Winnipeg. Mrs. R. J. Hook of **Carberry** reported on the Institute of Missions which she attended in Winnipeg earlier this season. Mrs. Charles McKinnon who was a representative to the Pre-Assembly Congress in Toronto in June, brought an interesting report.

The devotional service at the afternoon session was conducted by members of the **Carberry** W.M.S. and in the evening, by the **Wellwood** members. A solo by Mrs. William Duthie of Hartney was enjoyed. An interesting film of Indian Reserves was shown by Miss Melafont of Rolling River Reserve.

Dinner was served by the Young Women's group of **Wellwood** and at the supper hour, Mrs. Charles LeCocq of **Fort William,** Synodical past president, gave an inspiring address and greetings were brought by Reverend H. Crump of **Portage La Prairie.**

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Mark St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL — An unusually large turnout of members participated in the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary, **Fort William.**

Mr. Bert Davidson, of the Church of St. Andrew, **Port Arthur,** was guest speaker. Mrs. W. S. Nairn thanked the speaker. Mrs. R. C. Browne presided and Mrs. H. Wilson and Miss Jean Stevenson conducted the devotional period.

The Supply Secretary stated that the bale had been sent to the Cecelia Jeffrey School.

The fall Thank-offering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur** was held in the Sunday School room.

The President, Mrs. W. J. Stirrett presided and opened the meeting with prayer. The Scripture reading was by Mrs. George Stirrett and prayer by Reverend J. A. McMahon. Mrs. Austin Grant was in charge of the programme. Mrs. H. Booker sang, accompanied by Mrs. T. A. Miller. The guest speaker was Mr. Bert Davidson of **Current River** Presbyterian Church. Mrs. R. Wallace thanked the speaker and the soloist.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Miss Florence S. Baxter, Chippawa,
Press Secretary.

We are all deeply touched by the passing of Mrs. Robert Mowbray, our beloved First Vice President of Hamilton-London Synodical. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones as we give thanks for her Christian ways and Missionary fervor.

BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND—Over one hundred were present for **Burgoyne** fall thank-offering from **Allenford, Tara** and **Dunblane.** The President, Mrs. R. Chappell welcomed the guests and Rev. David Tan, the summer minister of the Church, was the Thank-offering speaker. Reverend Mr. Tan spoke and showed slides on his homeland, Formosa, telling of the progress there in Christian institutions and of the number of Presbyterian Churches which have been established on the island.

The younger girls of **Burgoyne** Church conducted a most enjoyable evening for the W.M.S. when a panel discussion, "Resolved it is worthwhile to educate Indian Young people in Residential Schools" was given.

Port Elgin Charter members of the W.M.S. as organized in 1925 were special guests of the regular Auxiliary at their meeting. It was the joyous privilege to welcome home to Port Elgin Miss Beatrice Scott, now on furlough from India, and to hear of her work. A presentation was made to Miss Scott by the Senior and Evening W.M.S. Auxiliaries.

The **Elsinore** W.M.S. ladies were hosts to **Burgoyne, Tara** and **Allenford** Societies so they might enjoy hearing Miss Beatrice Scott.

Reverend David Tan addressed the **Hanover** W.M.S. on Formosa before he left for further studies in Princeton Theological Seminary. Also in speaking to the Couples Club he said, "Christianity among the people in Formosa embraces some 70,000 with 440 churches and a wonderful work is being done by our Missionaries there."

Southampton W.M.S. was assisted by the Evening Auxiliary when they were at home to neighbouring groups to hear Reverend David Tan. During his talk he sang a hymn in his native tongue.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL—Knox Auxiliary, **Leamington,** was pleased to hear addresses by Mrs. R. Mee and Miss C. Brown of the Isobel McConnell Auxiliary, who represented all their auxiliaries at the Pre-Assembly Congress. This meeting was in the home of Mrs. J. R. Coulter.

In **Dresden** Mrs. W. L. Newton presided at the meeting held in Mrs. E. L. Sharpe's home, and a moment of silence honored in memory a home helper of their Auxiliary, the late Mrs. Bowers.

Riverside W.M.S. read a letter of appreciation from our Church Port Receptionist in Montreal acknowledging toys they had sent her for distribution to the young immigrants entering Canada at this eastern port.

The Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary of Knox, **Windsor,** was pleased to have Mrs. Fred Harold of **Leamington** as guest speaker at their first fall meeting. Mrs. Harold is Girls' Organization Secretary for Chatham Presbyterial and gave much interesting information on our Girls' work.

The Senior W.M.S. of St. Andrews, **Windsor,** at their September meeting presented an Honorary membership to Mrs. Wallace Burns, honoring her for her loyal W.M.S. service since 1925.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL — The 24th Annual Mildred Soutar Missionary Service was held in Erskine Church, **Hamilton,** with the Reverend Allan Reoch, on furlough from British Guiana, as guest speaker. It was interesting to hear that Musa, who was but two days old when brought to the M.G. Abbey Children's Nursing Home at Amkhut, India, and was the second baby brought there when Mildred Soutar was superintendent, is now training for the Ministry. Mrs. A. E. Soutar, mother of the late Mildred Soutar was present for this service.

Mrs. D. M. Allan presided over the splendid annual city rally held in Chalmer's Church, **Hamilton,** at which Miss Beatrice Scott, now on furlough from India, told of her work as Supervisor of Primary Schools in Mendha.

The Reverend G. H. King, General Secretary for Canada for the Missions to Lepers spoke of the problem of leprosy when he addressed St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary. A letter was read from Mrs. J. Dickson of Formosa thanking the ladies for the donation of chairs for the leprosarium.

The Elizabeth Lyle Senior Auxiliary of Central Church heard Mr. Cecil Jackson give an illustrated talk on our Formosan work.

Mrs. Donald MacKay, as Thank-offering speaker at Knox Senior, **Burlington,** told of some of the customs and beliefs of the Jewish people, amongst whom she works in Hamilton.

The Fall Thank-offering of St. John's W.M.S. **Grimbsy,** was held in the Church, Thursday October 14th.

Reverend R. Hall showed coloured slides on our Mission fields in Western Canada and Overseas while Mrs. Burke, a past president, told of the work being done there, giving us a new out-look.

Mrs. D. M. Allan showed a film on Formosa, prepared by Reverend James Dickson, when she spoke to the Ruby Walker Y.W.A. of St. Enoch's **Hamilton.**

Mrs. Robert Kingham spoke on "The Power of Witness" when visiting the Alice McDonald Y.W.A. of St. John's, Hamilton. A presentation was made Miss Margaret Harrison who will live in the U.S. after her marriage. Enthusiastic reports were given by the 45 intermediate girls who attended camp in Ancaster.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL — The annual Presbyterial W.M.S. rally was held in First Presbyterian, **Seaforth.** Mrs. D. Glenn Campbell presided and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, representing the Seaforth auxiliaries, extended a welcome to the visitors. The guest speaker of the afternoon was Miss Marion Williamson, home on furlough from our Amkhut field in India. The **Belgrace, Auburn** and Arthur Circle conducted the devotions and there was a good representation present from the eleven churches within the Presbyterial.

Seaforth W.M.S. was saddened by the sudden passing of Miss S. I. McLean. Miss McLean was very active in W.M.S. work. She had taught kindergarten for forty years, in Sunday School work for sixty years and had been a member of the Barbara Kirkman group since its inception about sixty years ago. In the Church she was much loved and will be greatly missed.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL — **St. George's** W.M.S. held a memorial service for Mrs. Celia May Anderson, a faithful life member of their W.M.S. when they held their September meeting at the home of Mrs. S. J. Grosvenor.

Tait's Corner W.M.S. celebrated a 60th Anniversary, in **Glencoe** Presbyterian Church, with the secretary of the original group in attendance. Over 100 guests of neighboring Societies heard Mrs. A. D. Poole of London give a splendid talk.

Mrs. J. K. West, Presbyterial President, met with the women of St. Lawrence Congregation **London** and organized an Associate group to be known as the Lillian Quinn Group. A site has been secured and a church is to be built shortly in this area. At present the congregation has been meeting in a school.

The **Kintyre** Auxiliary of W.M.S. entertained the **Turin, Rodney, Dutton, New Glasgow, Wallacetown, Crinan** and **West Lorne** Societies at their Thank-offering. Mrs. J. K. West, Presbyterial President, was the guest speaker and Mrs. J. A. McLean, the District President, also spoke briefly. Several of the visitors contributed to the program after which a happy hour of fellowship followed.

MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL — A gathering of some two hundred people met in **Lucknow** Presbyterian Church for the Sectional Presbyterial meeting which Mrs. G. Baulch convened as Presbyterial President. The highlight of the meeting was a pageant of thirty children from **Lucknow** and **South Kinloss** Mission Bands, dressed in Indian native costumes. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, R.N. from Jobat, India and Miss Marion Williamson on furlough from the Amkhut field, India, directed this fine presentation.

In **Langside** Church Thanksgiving Sunday evening Reverend John Pollock of Wingham was the Thank-offering speaker and this special service was in charge of the W.M.S.

Maitland Presbyterial attended the funeral services of the late Mrs. Robert Mowbray, in Knox Church, **Wingham.** Mrs. Mowbray had not only been a valued worker in her own local W.M.S. but had, for a number of years served as Recording Secretary for Maitland Presbyterial. Her death is greatly felt within the Presbyterial, as well as in the Wingham Church where the services were largely attended by sorrowing friends.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — The **Welland** W.M.S. Senior Auxiliary visited **Port Colborne** for their fall Thank-offering. This annual visit has been exchanged for a period of 35 years. The Port Colborne president, Mrs. William Sands, was pleased to receive the Welland Program also to welcome Mrs. James Orr, the District President, and Miss Florence Baxter, Synodical Press Secretary for Hamilton-London, who was a delegate at Council in Winnipeg and presented a report of its session. Mrs. John G. Frame gave a report on the recent Training Institute Course for leaders in teen-age work held in this district.

St. Davids W.M.S. entertained neighbouring W.M.S. Societies at their fall Thank-offering when the afternoon's speaker was Mrs. Mildred Kiemele Muro, a missionary home on furlough from Mexico. The St. David's ladies honored their minister's wife, Mrs. E. H. Hunter with a Life Membership. Two weeks previous to this meeting the St. David's Ladies of the United Church and the Presbyterian Church held a Presentation Tea in the United Church school hall honoring Mrs. J. M. Dickson, before her departure to make her home in Penmarvian.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL — An inspiring programme was put on by visiting members from the Brigden W.M.S. when Mooretown W.M.S. invited them as their Thank-offering guests. Mrs. Kerr presided and the Service of Worship, as given in the Glad Tidings, was used. Mrs. Neal gave a splendid talk on "Being Thankful," taking for her text Psalm 118, verse1.

The Executive of Sarnia Presbyterial held their second Pot Luck dinner meeting in **Wyoming Church.** Mrs. G. Dewar the Presbyterial President was in the chair. Plans were well organized for fall work. These Executive meetings are now providing fine seasons of fellowship as well as being rich in Executive Presbyterial discussion material.

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The Autumn Board meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston, W.D. met in Calvin Church, with Presbyterial presidents or a representatitive from twelve Presbyterials. Words of greeting to all were extended by our Synodical president, Mrs. A. S. Curr, Presbyterial Presidents gave encouraging reports of our work in all its departments and the delegates who were appointed to Council meetings in Winnipeg in May, brought back reports of wonderful new interest. Presbyterial Presidents held a conference where they brought their findings to the full meeting and discussions regarding problems followed. Again we had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Ralston and her girls in training from our Deaconess school and how thrilled we all were in seeing and meeting these young women from different parts of the world who have **dedicated their lives** to God's Service. Again another highlight was the opportunity of having Reverend Paul and Mrs. Rumball and their daughter Janet come and address us. They told us of their many problems and many pleasures in finding people who want to become Christians, and these talks were greatly added to by the beautiful slides that were shown. Their daughter Janet, clad in Korean dress, sang several hymns and a special song in the Korean language. Reverend Paul Rumball of Kobe, Japan, gave the closing prayer.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL— Toronto East Presbyterial held their fall rally in Knox Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. J. A. Newstead presiding.

Mrs. W. E. P. Rumball, Japan, was the guest speaker of the afternoon session, telling of the work made possible by the W.M.S.

Miss Beatrice Scott, Bhil Field, India, spoke in the evening.

The meetings were well attended.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — "Missions Today" was the theme of the message given by Reverend W. A. Cameron, D.D., L.L.D., at the Thank-offering meeting of the Dovercourt W.M.S. Auxiliary. Mrs. R. W. Cameron presided. The minister, Reverend Ross K. Cameron, conducted the devotions. The guest soloist was Mrs. A. Calhoun, accompanied by Miss R. Wilson.

The Fall Rally of **Toronto West** Presbyterial was held in Parkdale Presbyterian Church. Mrs. R. B. Ledingham presided. Mrs. J. A. Newstead extended greetings; also the moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Wm. Weir, **Brampton,** President Mrs. A. S. Curr, brought a message from Synodical and Mrs. W. R. Adamson, from Council Executive. Miss Carol Chiam, Formosa, addressed the meeting. During the evening session Professor Allen L. Farris, Knox College, outlined, by means of colored slides, the progress of development which is taking place in Western Canada.

The congregation of **Chalmers** Presbyterian Church held a reception for Miss Marion H. Williamson who returned from the Bhil Field in India in June. Miss Williamson is a member of the Church, sang in the choir and taught in the Chinese class before training for her work as a missionary. The Reverend R. J. Graham was chairman. He introduced Dr. J. A. Johnson, recently appointed secretary of the Board of Missions. Mr. Johnson then introduced the Reverend Allan Reoch of British Guiana, the Reverend Paul Rumball of Japan (Mrs. Rumball and daughter Janet were also present.) They each brought greetings and gave short addresses. The four Formosan preachers were present. One of them spoke briefly and they sang several numbers.

Miss Williamson was given an address of welcome by one of our senior elders, Mr. John Parker, who was the first person she had met in Chalmers Church. She was presented with a corsage of gardenias and a purse of money from the Congregation. Miss Williamson replied, thanking Mr. Parker, and everyone present for their kindness. Mrs. Adamson brought greetings from the Council Executive.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAN — Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson of Stouffville, addressed six sectional meetings in the Barrie Presbyterial during September. At one meeting, the **Tottenham** Mission Band received the Mission Band Banner. In section six every auxiliary and associate auxiliary was represented. **Oro Esson** Auxiliary has every woman in the congregation a member of the Women's Missionary Society. At **Stroud** Miss Bessie McMurchy spoke briefly. Mrs. Thompson told in a most interesting manner, the progress and problems of our National and Overseas W.M.S. work.

The First Rally of the Evening Auxiliaries of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society of Barrie Presbyterial was held in October in First Presbyterian Church, **Penetanguishene.** Call to worship was given by the Rally Convener, Mrs. J. R. Moore, of **Hillsdale.** Greetings from Barrie Presbyterial were conveyed by the President, Mrs. Wm. McEachern, who also announced that Miss Beatrice Scott, missionary in the Bhil field, would be speaking in different sections. Mrs. A. T. Barr brought greetings from the Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society. Mrs. A. C. Stewart of Midland introduced the speaker. Mrs. W. R. Adamson of Oakville, President of The Society, who spoke of our great work; our privileges in being W.M.S. members and our responsibilities.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL— conference was held in Erskine Church at which the C.G.I.T. program was fully outlined and the Sigma C. program for boys was introduced.

Reverend Donald Sinclair, Chairman, led the group in devotions, and introduced Miss Ruby Walker of Toronto, Regional Secretary of the W.M.S. Miss Walker gave an inspirational outline of C.G.I.T. and led in open discussions. A splendid book exhibit was on display. Reverend T. Dodds, **Priceville,** Presbytery convener of Christian Education stressed the need for more organized mid-week activities for boys and girls. Mrs. R. Fraser, President of Orangeville Presbyterial brought greetings. Mrs. R. S. Hardy, Girls' Work Secretary spoke briefly.

Representatives were present from **Orangeville, Ventry, Dundalk, Maple Valley, Swinton Park** and **Priceville.**.

SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL—Tribute was paid to Miss Jean Christie, **Holstein,** who passed away June 26th in Mount Forest. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and had been, at one time, on the Synodical Executive also the Presbyterial Executive in Saugeen. Her wide interest in Church affairs and her sterling character won the admiration and respect of all who knew her.

Saugeen Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. B. Anderson has been guest speaker at many fall Thank-offerings, visiting Knox **Normandy, Palmerston, Gordonville, Dromore** and **Drayton.**

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BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Ruth Lor, B.A., who is a graduate of Victoria College, University of Toronto, was guest speaker at the annual joint meeting of the W.M.S. and the Individual Responsibility Association groups of First Presbyterian Church, **Brockville.** This past summer Miss Lor was in Washington with the World Congress of Churches, attending the international interdenominational Christian gathering at Evanston, Ill. In telling of the close relationship felt from attending such a conference as Evanston, Miss Lor in an enthusiastic manner pointed out many ways in which Christians could get along together, with denominationalism no barrier and that it was up to us to make the theme of Evanston an apparent reality wherever we are, with Christ as the hope of the world. Miss Lor was thanked by Miss Mary Campbell, after which a social hour followed.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAN — Mrs. W. G. Brown, first Vice-President, presided at the Fall Thank-offering of the W.M.S. of St. Giles Church, Ottawa. The affiliated groups were also in attendance. The Reverend J. Logan-Vencta, D.D., conducted devotions. A very interesting and informative report was given by Mrs. N. T. Allan, Auxiliary President on the Pre-Assembly Congress which she attended in Toronto in June.

On Furlough

MISS MARION WILLIAMSON, missionary on leave from India, will visit Superior Presbyterial during the week of December 3rd-10th.

Miss Williamson will be in Fort Frances December 3rd and 4th and will conduct the Sunday service at Atikokan, on December 5th. She will be at the Lakehead from that date until the 10th when she will leave for Geraldton.

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